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UN urgently considers aid for refugees as Iraq says rebellion is completely beaten

Turkey closes border to Kurds

By Our Foreign Staff

THE United Nations was last night urgently considering help for the Kurds in Iraq as millions fled their homes to escape reprisals for the month-long rebellion that has now been almost completely crushed.

Turkey closed its border yesterday, saying that it could not cope with the 200,000 refugees massing along the freezing mountain roads to the frontier. Hundreds of thousands more were heading for the Iranian border in a 50-mile convoy, but they, too, were being denied access.

The UN high commissioner for refugees, Sadako Ogata, appealed to the Ankara government to provide them with a safe haven, if only temporarily, saying: "The danger of genocide is a serious one."

Britain joined Turkey and France in calling on the UN to take political and humanitarian action to stop the repression, although Britain remained opposed to the issue being incorporated into the ceasefire resolution which was being voted through last night. President Mitterrand of France called on the UN to condemn Baghdad's treatment of the Kurds and to maintain the trade blockade on Iraq. Action must be taken or "the political and moral authority of the UN would be gravely affected".

The French secretary of state for humanitarian action, Bernard Kouchner, was being sent to northern Iraq to try to help the refugees. He would be taking with him a cargo of medicine, clothing and food. Margaret Thatcher, who yesterday met Kurdish exiles in London, urged Britain to take similar action. "It should not be beyond the wit of man to get planes there with tents with food and with warm blankets," she said. "I think we should take very firm steps. It is not a question of standing on legal niceties. We should go now."

Britain yesterday consulted its coalition partners on how best to tackle the plight of the Kurds and the Foreign Office expressed concern for the rebels, saying they were yet further casualties of Saddam's inhuman policies.

Britain, America, China and the Soviet Union all remain determined, however, that there should be no military intervention to help the rebels, who say that Saddam's troops have flattened villages, crushed people with tanks and strafed fleeing civilians.

The Iraqi news agency reported yesterday that government forces had recaptured Sulaimaniya, the last big town held by Kurdish fighters. The agency said that the inhabitants had "joyfully greeted" the troops when they arrived. "The saboteurs and traitors escaped to the mountains." In Damascus, a spokesman for the Kurdish Democratic Party said that Iraqi shelling had virtually razed villages near Kirkuk. "Ugly massacres were

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Flight from Saddam: Kurdish refugees, packed in trucks, arrive at a tent camp set up near the southeastern Turkish town of Semdinli

Screams and cries from a people in flight

Death from cold, hunger and thirst stalks the refugees fleeing the army of Saddam, **Tim Deagle** writes

AS WE climbed to the top of the ridge we saw before us about 100,000 men, women and children pressed impossibly close in a natural amphitheatre, sitting, squatting and lying amid the scattered rocks and snow.

A cacophony of screams, shouts and cries rose from this sea of humanity. The sound echoed off the high mountain walls on either side of us until it became a constant eerie and unnatural cry.

A biting wind whipped along the valley and through the crowd, tugging at the hopelessly inadequate clothing in which they had fled their homes the day before. Some were wrapped in brightly coloured but thin blankets which they pulled tight around themselves in a vain attempt to keep warm. Many wore only their nightclothes and shivered violently, unwilling or unable to move.

A girl, about six, lay curled up in a ball by my feet, wearing pyjama bottoms, a T-shirt a few sizes too small and a broken plastic sandal. Her tiny body shook so violently from the cold it seemed she was suffering from an epileptic fit. Her eyelids were half closed. We went in serach of a doctor, but by the time we returned her tiny form was still. Her eyes were open now, her fists clenched, and her mouth open as if she was about to speak.

Lacking any shelter from the elements, the condition of the refugees deteriorated steadily: by the time they had climbed higher into the mountains to arrive at the Turkish border and this perverse holding camp, thousands had succumbed to hypothermia and exhaustion. Having escaped from Iraq with only a few scraps of bread to eat and melted snow to drink, hunger and thirst could soon lead to malnutrition and starvation.

A woman, aged about 80, delirious from the combination of fatigue, fear and cold, writhed on the snowy ground, a few feet from a Turkish soldier. A constant stream of refugees passed her, too tired and cold themselves to offer any help. An hour later she was dead. Her body was moved to the side of the path and the stream of refugees continued unabated.

In the mass exodus of an entire population many families have been separated and there is a constant movement of people in the crowd, searching for sons, daughters and parents. Mohammed, a boy aged about 12, sat alone at the edge of the crowd scanning the mass, his face streaked with tears as he screamed for his parents. He had last seen them 16 hours before in Iraq. When we left, he had still not found them and was sitting with his face buried in his hands.

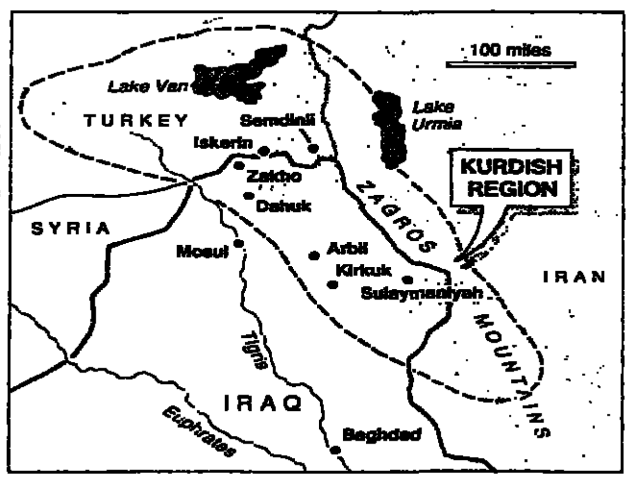
At times the fear and desperation became too much and crowds surged forward towards the 150 Turkish soldiers desperately trying to contain them. It began with a murmur, then shouts, and then a section of the crowd ran at the guards trying to make a break from the mountain to the fields and trees in the valley below.

Nobody managed to escape while I was there: every time they tried the soldiers would fire above the refugees' heads sending them running and screaming back, trampling those who did not or could not move. With every other border crossing from Iraq controlled by President Saddam Hussein's army, this crossing at Iskverin is the only escape route for the Kurds trying to leave Iraq.

The conditions are appalling and the Turkish policy is confusing. It is not sending them back but it is not letting them through either. Driven by hope that the Turks will allow them in, and pushed by the fear of reprisal by the advancing Iraqi army, more refugees will continue to arrive. There are at least another 100,000 making their way to Iskverin, if they have not already arrived, which is a tiny proportion of the three million trying to leave Iraq.

Almost every refugee I spoke to said they had no choice but to leave Iraq and that this time they were leaving for good. That leaves Turkey with a human problem of enormous proportions. Unless the government reacts quickly it is the Iraqi Kurds who will suffer yet again.

As I flew away from the terrible ridge in a Turkish army helicopter I could see the people staring at me, their faces lifted upwards, their bodies motionless for a second. Then they went back to what they had been doing for months: desperately trying to survive another day.



Shares end trading on record high

By George Sivell

LONDON shares closed at an all-time high yesterday, spurred by the overnight surge on Wall Street and helped by investors "bed and breakfasting" shares before the tax year ends tomorrow.

Prices were also marked up strongly by dealers who sensed a shortage of shares to satisfy demand from British and continental institutions. The FT-SE 100 index finished at 2519.1, up 30.8, against the previous closing record of 2500.3 last month, but failing to top the trading high of 2,527.1 reached during March 15.

Wall Street, however, remained subdued last night with the Dow-Jones index up just 0.25 points at 2945.3. American investors are awaiting the outcome of today's Bundesbank meeting, which may decide to raise German interest rates, and tomorrow's US unemployment figures, which may persuade the Federal Reserve to slacken US interest rates.

Colin Mills, head of global trading at County NatWest, said: "We have seen some very good business. The market has held up extremely well."

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Soviet generals resist arms pact

From Bruce Clark in Moscow

THE Soviet parliament may not ratify the Paris treaty on conventional forces in Europe (CFE), even if the US legislature does so, generals indicated here yesterday.

The warning was given at a news conference on last week's meeting of Communists within the armed forces, at which President Gorbachev appears to have faced sharp criticism despite promising that the military's requirements were government priority. General Nikolai Shlyaga, head of the armed forces' military-political directorate, said of the CFE treaty signed by 34 leaders, including Mr Gorbachev, in Paris last November: "When it comes up for approval, we can assess whether it is beneficial or not."

His colleague, General Mikhail Surkov, who is considered a rising military star said: "Signature is one thing and ratification is another." He said the parliamentary committee on defence and foreign affairs, on which he serves, had not even seen a text of the agreeement.

The tone adopted by the officers was unmistakeably cool when set against the euphoria with which the accord was signed and published only five months ago. It suggested that the treaty may encounter even more resistance among parliamentary hardliners than the new Soviet-German treaties, finally ratified by a reluctant legislature this week.

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Jewish group supplied blacklist evidence

Ray Clancy discovers the investigators who supplied the names of Western firms which helped arm Iraq

The main sources for the US government's blacklist of companies and individuals alleged to be connected with the build-up of finances and arms in Iraq were a research centre which receives substantial financial backing from Jewish sources and a financial detective agency hired by the Kuwaitis, it emerged yesterday.

Help from the international community including Britain, France, Germany and countries in the Middle East was limited. In Britain, the trade and industry department merely checked a draft list sent from Washington and the Germans have continued to deny that any deals were illegal.

The list of 52 businesses and 37 individuals, including a number based in Britain, was officially drawn up by the Office of Foreign Assets Control in Washington. *The Times* has discovered that it bears a remarkable resemblance to a list commissioned up by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles and a dossier compiled by Kroll Associates, one the world's largest financial detective agencies based in Wall Street, New York, which was commissioned by the Kuwaiti government.

However, the OFAC is reluctant to reveal its sources for the blacklist, which has been widely criticised by those on it as being out of date and innacurate. Some of the British firms have said they only supplied equipment to Iraqi which was for educational or civilian use and could not have been procured for military purposes. Individuals based in Britain have complained that they have been included because they used to work for Iraqi controlled firms.

Richard Newcomb, director of the OFAC, said yesterday that the Kuwaitis had been "very helpful" to the investigation which is being hailed in the United States as a major piece of research into the sources used by Saddam had been

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Farewell to the icy slopes of Greeneland

By Philip Howard, Literary Editor

GRAHAM Greene, for many the greatest novelist of his generation, died yesterday in Vevey on Lake Geneva at the age of 86. He had moved to Switzerland last year from his home in Antibes for treatment for a blood disease.

Even by hostile judges his work will be regarded as a literary landmark of the century. It was a blot on the judges rather than on Greene that he was never given the Nobel prize for literature. He was blocked for decades by a cabal of bigots on the spurious grounds that the Nobel was endowed for "the most outstanding work of an idealistic tendency". This was to misunderstand Greene. There was a core of ice and despair in his finest work. Seediness and failure, loyalty and betrayal, the ambiguities between good and evil were the territory in which he travelled, and which made his work instantly recognisable. Auden coined the epithet "grahamgreeneish", and others invented the imaginary but vivid country of Greeneland. In his serious fiction he was that rare bird, a religious writer, writing about the agonies and doubts more than the ecstasies and gungho credos of religion. In his Doubting Thomas way, *pace* Nobel, he belonged to the bleeding but idealistic tendency.

In his autobiography, Greene offered as the epigraph for all his novels a quotation from Browning: "Our interest's on the dangerous edge of things." He was a writer for the dangerous edge of things. His experiences included alcohol, drugs, psychoanalysis, conversion to the Roman Catholic church, a flirtation with communism, the British secret service and constant travel in dictatorships and other precipitous parts of the world. His work tried to penetrate the heart of darkness as well as the darkness of the human heart.

He began work as a foreign subeditor on *The Times* in 1926, where he learnt the disciplines of the inky trade, and how to cut his own copy. He left with the publication of his first novel, *The Man Within*, in which the "honest" smuggler betrays his best friend. Office anecdote has it that, disappointed with his income from fiction, he asked for his old job back. The *Times* manager replied: "I am sorry, Mr Greene, but the caravan has moved on", so depriving the foreign desk of a good sub, but greatly benefiting literature.

In addition to his serious fiction, Greene was a prolific writer of what he called "entertainments", plays, and screenplays. He wrote the screenplays for two of the films that a good chooser might pick for the top ten for a desert island, *The Third Man* and *The Fallen Idol*. He was a cinema buff, and his fiction has a cinematic feel. He was a prodigious writer of letters to *The Times* on political and polemical topics. Having found that the paper would accept only letters with an authentic autograph, he signed a lot of blank sheets of writing paper, and gave them to his sister who lived on the south coast. When the spirit moved him in Antibes to write to *The Times*, he could save a day's time in the post by dictating his letter to her over the telephone, and getting her to type it above his signature. He was a shy and secret man, steadfastly refusing to appear on television.

He said that he saw himself as one of his characters, but with characteristic ambiguity refused to say which of his flawed failures, his hollow men unable to find, or even to seek, the void left by the disappearance of God. The difference was that, at least as a novelist, he was a prodigious success, with a unique and melancholy vision of late 20th-century man. His work will be one of the hallmarks by which we shall be recognised by readers and historians centuries from now.

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Bowbelle's look-out 'was not properly instructed'

By Lin Jenkins

THE master of the dredger Bowbelle, which collided on the Thames with the pleasure boat Marchioness with the loss of 51 lives, posted a bow look-out but failed to instruct him properly, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

That was one of four ways in which Captain Douglas Henderson's failure manifested itself early on August 20, 1989, the jury was told. Anthony Wilcken, for the prosecution, said that while the captain appointed Terence Blaney to go to the bow, 178ft ahead of the wheelhouse, "in a vessel with the restricted view from the wheelhouse, such as the Bowbelle had, it is quite insufficient to leave to the discretion of a look-out, however experienced, what he should or should not report".

Henderson: denies failing to instruct look-out

Mr Wilcken said the navigation of the Bowbelle was carried out in the complacent but erroneous or negligent belief that rules governing shipping and radio broadcasts were sufficient to ensure no other vessel was in her path.

Captain Henderson, aged 33, of Throckley, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, is charged with failing to ensure a proper look-out was kept. The captain, who holds a Class One Master Mariner Certificate of Competency, denied the charge.

At the opening of the case Mr Wilcken said: "The offence was completed before the collision took place, and it is not the task of this court to apportion blame." The 262ft Bowbelle left her berth at Nine Elms, southwest London, bound for dredging grounds off Felixstowe, Suffolk, in the North Sea at 1.20am on August 20, 1989.

In compliance with normal procedures, she told the river authority radio service of her movements. She also had right of way because of her size while heading down the Thames. Mr Wilcken said the Bowbelle must have been in sight of the pleasure cruiser, with 127 people on board, for 10 minutes before they collided between Southwark bridge and Cannon Street railway bridge.

There were three other ways in which Captain Henderson's failure was evident, he said. The captain had failed to issue walkie-talkie radios that had been provided; they remained in the captain's cabin.

Captain Henderson had not insisted that a mechanical bell fitted on the bow be used if he thought radios were not useful. "He should have instructed the look-out to use the bell to indicate the presence of all shipping on the river," Mr Wilcken said.

Finally, in any ship trimmed by the stern with visibility from the bridge obscured by kit on the deck, the master had an obligation to keep a look-out himself, and could have done so by moving around the wheelhouse.

Mr Blaney, the look-out, told the court that he did not see the Marchioness until they passed under Southwark bridge, and he saw her 100 to 150ft away, about 20 to 30 degrees to starboard. "It was pulled to one side as if it was letting us through," he said, adding that he did not report it as he did not believe it was impeding their progress.

When the Marchioness was 50ft away she turned across the Bowbelle's bow. He did not report the change to the bridge, believing it was too late to take any evasive action. "I started to scream, shout, whistle, and wave at the Marchioness," he said. "It all happened so quickly." The trial continues today.

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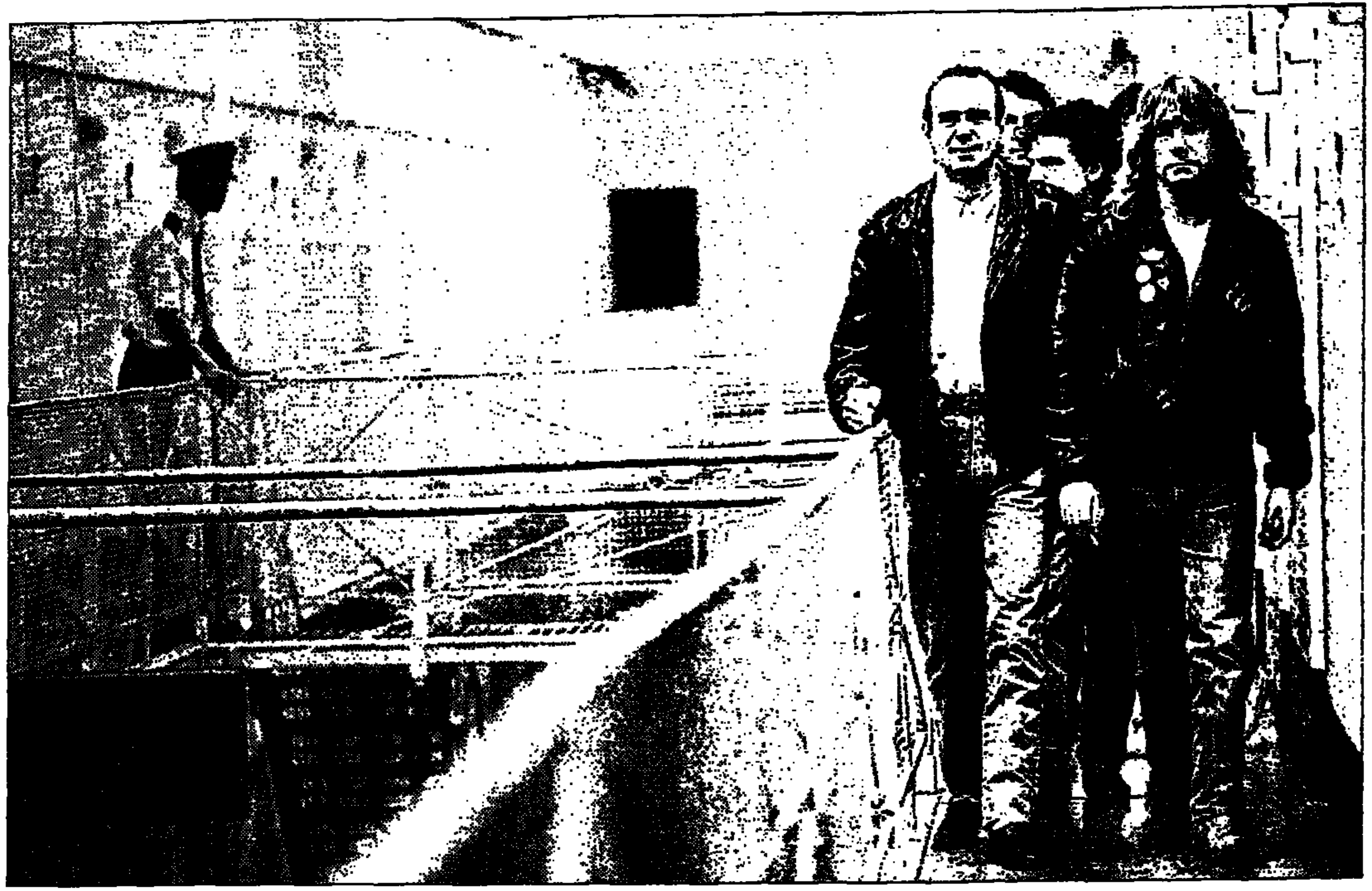


Jail of note: Francis Rossi and Rick Parfitt, of the Status Quo rock group, at Pentonville prison, north London, to open a music workshop and hear a band of four inmates and a prison officer, Doug Jackson, whose show included, optimistically, Quo's *Rocking All Over The World*

Former Lambeth councillors face fresh ban

Ted Knight and 27 other former councillors may face a new ban and have to pay £212,000, writes Peter Victor

TED Knight, former leader of Lambeth council, and 27 other surcharged councillors may be banned from office for a further five years and made to pay £212,000 after a town hall hearing yesterday.

The former councillors were banned and ordered to pay £350,000 in 1986 after the district auditor found them guilty of wilful misconduct by refusing to cut council spending. That five-year ban ended at midnight on Monday.

Now, after a hearing yesterday, ordered after complaints from ratepayers in the south London borough that, as well as the money already recovered from the councillors, Lambeth lost an additional £212,000 which has only now become apparent following detailed examination of the accounts, the *district auditor is to decide* whether further sanctions should be imposed.

Brian Skinner, the Metropolitan District Auditor chairing the hearing, said at the hearing that submissions from representatives of the ratepayers and the councillors would help to decided whether to impose further sanctions in the form of surcharge and disqualification from office. Following brief submissions from both sides, he said he would consider the matter immediately, although no timescale has been given for his judgment.

None of the ex-councillors were in the chamber for the hearing, but Paul Howe, an accountant and their representative, said: "If another certificate is issued it will be a terrible injustice and a double punishment for the same offence. A loss of money due to wilful misconduct can only be judged once — in the same way as a plaintiff cannot sue for second damages after he has already recieved a settlement. A *second certificate* would also disqualify individuals for longer than Parliament intended and this hearing has to *decide whether ten years* rather than five is what was intended".

Mr Knight called the hearing a *witchhunt, and said*: "The government has made a political decision to suspend us for another five years and this hearing is a formality. We feel it is not fair to be tried twice for the same thing. We are being persecuted." He said it had taken the former councillors five years to raise the original £350,000 surcharge.

The hearing coincided with the government's announcement that Lambeth is to be charge-capped and its annual budget reduced by £15 million, adding to the £25 million of cuts agreed by the council at its charge-setting meeting last month. Both events highlighted the difficulties presently faced by the council's ruling Labour group following the suspension last week of 13 of its members including Joan Twelves, the *leader, John* Harrison, her deputy, and Julian Lewis, the chief whip.

The party's ruling National *Executive Committee ordered* the suspensions after the leadership passed a motion on February 1 calling for a ceasefire in the Gulf and condemning all "patriotic and pro-war hysteria" as "blatant racism." The 13 were also found guilty of organised misconduct and breaches of the party whip.

However, Ms Twelves has refused to stand down as leader. The date for a meeting of the Labour group to decide a new leadership group, on the orders of Joyce Gould, the party's director of organisation, is still under negotiation, but town hall insiders said yesterday that a meeting of the Labour group is set for next Monday. "It's likely that, *at that meeting, there will be a* motion of confidence in the leadership group and that it will be passed."

A national party spokesman said any such motion would be considered carefully by the NEC and action might be taken against Labour group members backing it. A further report on the activities of the former leadership is to be presented to the NEC on April 22. If it recommends further disciplinary action, this will be decided by the National Constitutional Committee. Possible expulsions from the party recommended by committee could not be ratified until May 24 at the earliest, the local government elections.

Council expelled for art sale

By Simon Tait, arts correspondent

DERBYSHIRE county council has been expelled from the Museums Association, the professional body for curators, in the increasingly acrimonious controversy over the sale of objects from its Buxton Museum and the authority's general cultural policies.

The sale was approved last year to help to make up a £41 million shortfall on the county's education budget.

The first set of objects, a collection of pictures including a painting by L.S. Lowry which alone is expected to raise more *than £50,000, will* be sold at Bonhams in Knightsbridge next month. The rest of the items, mostly prints and drawings, will be sold later and should bring the total value of the sale to almost £100,000.

The Lowry, *Ironworks*, is easily the most valuable of the 19 objects. The others include three Rembrandt prints, a Goya reproduction, copies of works by Stubbs and Dürer and some china.

Derbyshire is the first member to be expelled since the association was founded in 1889. Max Hebditch, its president, said: "The association has been appalled by Derbyshire's behaviour. Local authorities must understand that *this sort of cultural* asset-stripping for short-term expediency is a betrayal of the trust of local inhabitants."

*Bonhams have been threat*ened with a boycott by the Midlands Federation of Museums and Art Galleries for having taken on the sale. Stuart Smith, federation president and director of the Ironbridge Gorge museum, wrote to the auctioneers last week: "The feelings of museum professionals across the country are running high and are repeatedly expressed at meetings, criticising Derbyshire's short-term expediency at the cost of the nation's heritage."

He urged them to reconsider their decison to act for Derbyshire, but Paul Whitfield, joint deputy chairman of Bonhams, said that the sale was legal and would go ahead.

Derbyshire, which has also cancelled music teaching and the county museums' education programme in its cost cutting, is also under attack for its arts funding policy.

The East Midlands Arts Association has written to the council urging it to reconsider the decision to cancel its £276,000 arts budget when it next meets on April 10. Fourteen arts projects face closure.

Links with overseas to beat crime

BRITAIN's national criminal intelligence service, due to start work next year, will have a direct link with foreign police forces, a London conference of Interpol members heard yesterday (Quentin Cowdry writes).

The *19* British police officers assigned to liaise with the international police organisation would work alongside members of the new unit, Peter Lloyd, the junior Home Office minister, said.

He told the conference that while the service was being launched primarily to improve the detection of crimes committed in Britain there would also be benefits for police overseas. In recognition of this, it had been decided that the so-called national central bureau — the Interpol liaison office in Britain — would be placed within the headquarters of the criminal intelligence service.

Mr Lloyd said that Interpol often encountered misunderstanding or even a total lack of understanding of its purpose. In spite of this, the organisation, based in Lyons in France, *had become more* effective in recent years and had helped to bring to justice numerous criminals who had tried to hide overseas.

Legislation passed recently at Westminister would further reduce the chances of criminals evading prosecution by making it easier for offenders to be extradited from Britain and for police and prosecutors in different countries to help one another.

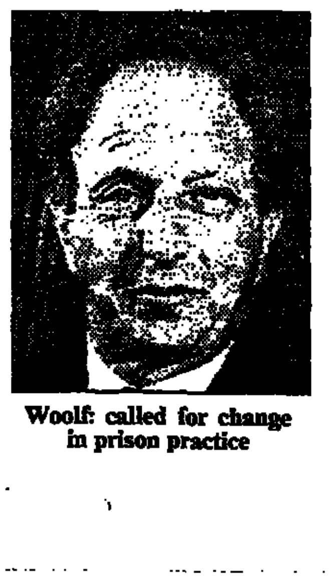
Urgent review for prison Aids policy

By Quentin Cowdry, home affairs correspondent

RULES that allow prison officers to be told about inmates suffering from the Aids virus are being urgently reviewed by the Home Office in response to the Woolf report's fierce criticism of the department's handling of HIV-infected prisoners.

The review was made known yesterday by Rosemary Wool, head of the prison medical service, in an open letter about the service's policy on Aids. She disclosed that seven prisoners had died from Aids since March 1985 and that anonymous tests might be conducted to establish more precisely how many inmates had the virus or Aids.

Penal reformers and Aids charities believe the review may persuade the Home Office to scrap the regulations. Mrs Wool strongly denied claims that prisoners with HIV or Aids were badly cared for and said the prison service had a clear policy on Aids designed to prevent inmates catching the virus and to provide support for those who were infected. She accepted that rules governing the disclosure of the identity of HIV-infected prisoners and their subsequent treatment needed to be looked at again.



Woolf: called for change in prison practice

In his report on last year's jail riots, Lord Justice Woolf called for the abolition of the practice of prisoners known to have HIV being placed on a rule called viral infectivity restriction (VIR). Under the regulation, the identity of prisoners with HIV is revealed to staff on a need-to-know basis and they can be prevented from sharing cells with uninfected prisoners and excluded from certain types of work.

The judge said the practical effect of the rule was that many HIV-infected inmates were segregated in conditions that, in some cases, were a "travesty of justice". The judge accepted the argument of *penal reformers that such* treatment was likely to discourage prisoners from disclosing that they had the virus.

Mrs Wool *said* ministers remained adamantly opposed to prisoners being supplied with free condoms. Ministers believed such a move would amount to condoning illegality as homosexual intercourse was legal only between consenting adults in private. "It seems highly unlikely that conditions of privacy can be said to exist in prisons."

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America 'testing nuclear powered rocket'

From Susan Ellicott in Washington and Nigel Hawkes

THE Pentagon is secre developing a nuclear-power rocket capable of hauling la satellites or weapons i space. Researchers from Strategic Defence Initiat (SDI) programme have ready conducted at least test using nuclear fuel a laboratory in New Mexi according to documents tained by American ne papers, although the rocke probably years fr completion.

The engines of the propo rocket would be more pov ful than any currently used the National Aeronautics Space Administration (Na

The project was discl yesterday by the Federatio American Scientists, a pri Washington-based group posed to SDI. Ste Aftergood, an analyst with organisation, estimated the design effort had running for several years had already cost the def department several mi dollars. He accused the government of taking ad tage of secrecy laws to rese a project involving "ques able safety practices" a *waste of taxpayers' mone*

Nasa has also been stu nuclear-powered roc which it sees as the *feasible option* for long space exploration. A group under Thomas Sta a former Apollo astrona expected *to produce a* within a month recomn ing that nuclear prop systems be developed fo sions to Mars and furthest reaches of th system.

The group, convene Nasa at the request White House, is underst have come up with possible ways of re Mars, all of which i nuclear propulsion.

Mr Aftergood said th Pentagon was conside test flight of the pro nuclear rocket over the and remote regions in arctica. He added that National Laboratorie concluded that it faced in 2,325 risk of crash New Zealand, but t accident during take-of pose a significant ra threat to Earth.

Official documents that ground tests for the have been set at a gover nuclear test site in the N desert.

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Taxi driv is murder in Ulste

A taxi driver was murdered beside his bu car yesterday near the L Glencairn estate on th skirts of Belfast.

Samuel Bell, who was mid-50s and lived in Belfast, had been shot head and his body ha partially burnt. Mr Protestant who had con to Catholicism, last con his firm on Tuesday when he took a fare Broadway, which link Catholic Falls Road wi Loyalist village district.

Police believe a Prot gang was responsible, it the third such murde the IRA killed a Prot taxi driver last year.

Forth fall

A steel erector who fell the 170ft north tower Forth Bridge and g hold of a 15-inch girde plunging 30ft was reco in the Dunfermline and Fife hospital last night. Hodgson, aged 22, of field, Nottinghamshire, aged to cling to the 140ft above the water he was rescued. He is suf from a broken jaw, bruises.

Sabbath vote

The 48,000 electors o Castlereagh district in will vote today on whet council-owned leisure ities should close on Su The referendum, which a 25 per cent turnout to the decision valid, cove new £6 million Dund international ice bowl, o with EC aid which pred seven-day operation, a borough's largest swim pool and leisure comple

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WOOLWORTHS

Protesters provide flowers and backing to parents involved in ritual abuse allegations

Sheriff rebukes the children's panel in Orkney abuse case

By KERRY GILL

THE children's panel that ordered nine Orkney children to be placed in care following allegations of ritual sex abuse was criticised by a sheriff last night for breaching the Social Work (Scotland) Act in its procedures.

David Kelbie, Sheriff of Grampian, Highland and Islands, on the first day of his assessment of evidence, said that the children should have been in attendence during the original hearings and been given the opportunity to refute, or otherwise, any claims of abuse by their parents. As counsel for the four families at the centre of the allegations called for the panel's procedure to be made null and void, Sheriff Kelbie, sitting at Kirkwall Sheriff Court, intervened. He said: "It seems to be customary to ignore the rules and, if it is, it is high time it stops."

Sheriff Kelbie said that if, for example, a teenage boy had been in attendance at the panel hearing and had made a vehement denial of the allegations, then the panel might not have granted a warrant ordering the child to be kept in care. He said that, under such circumstances, the panel would have had to make further enquiries immediately about the evidence that it had heard.

Lynda Clark, QC, said that the panel members thought that they had the power to exclude the children. It had not been a deliberate flouting of the law. On March 5, the panel ordered the children to be kept in care for 21 days.

That order was extended for a further 21 days on March 25, again without the children being present. They have been kept on the Scottish mainland since their seizure on February 27.

The criticism came as a boost for the four families and their supporters, who have continually claimed that the Orkney social work department and the children's panel have either broken rules governing child care procedures or ignored Scottish Office guidelines.

Sheriff Kelbie is to rule on legal submissions today, although the case is to continue in Inverness on Monday, when the parents will meet their children for the first time since they were taken away.

The children will first be interviewed by the sheriff alone in chambers at the town's sheriff court. Sheriff Kelbie said: "The children and parents have been apart for a very long period and the prospect of an emotional reunion might not be in the interests of the children."

He said it would proper for him to see the children first, in case their attention was focused on their parents rather than the initial discussion. Afterwards, however, he is expected to hear their evidence with the parents in attendance at the court.

Legal aid is to be given to the parents, and is expected to cover their travel costs to the mainland by air. Yesterday, Sheriff Kelbie decided to open his judicial assessment of evidence to the press after some members made a request in writing.

The four families, some in tears, arrived at the court amid crowds of supporters, who handed the mothers bunches of daffodils. Others stood outside holding banners which said: "Who has the courage to stop this cruelty?" No evidence was heard during the first day of the hearing; only legal debate that culminated with Sheriff Kelbie's criticism of the children's panel. The press and public have no statutory right to attend the hearing and would not normally have been allowed inside the court, where 19 counsel and four solicitors sit in front of the judge. The families sit behind their legal representatives.

Sheriff Kelbie said that the parents and their representatives were happy to have the press in attendance, although he gave warning that any identification of the families or children would mean the privilege being withdrawn.

No press would be permitted to be present when the children gave evidence. Reporters were told not to try to read any documents in the court. If they did so, they would be in contempt.

The hearing continues today.

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Orkney vigil: Children outside Kirkwall Sheriff Court for the first day of proceedings into the abuse allegations

Support grows for island families

THE enormity of the allegations levelled against the four families, that their children had been subjected to ritual sexual abuse at a nearby quarry, left the close-knit community of South Ronaldsay aghast (Kerry Gill writes). Within hours of the children's dawn seizure on February 27 moves were under way to give the parents the support their friends and neighbours felt tiey deserved.

No one on Orkney's most southerly island could believe that the families, who had all settled there to bring up their children away from the worst influences of modern life, were capable of such crimes.

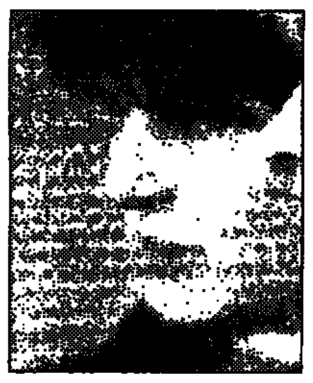
Two nights later, hundreds of islanders gathered in a community hall in St Margaret's Hope to discuss how best to counter the allegations. Helen Martini, a local doctor, was elected spokeswoman for the hastily formed action committee, which decided that it should try to get the children returned home, force a full judicial enquiry into the social work department's handling of the case, and obtain a review of child care law.

Five weeks later the children are still in care on the Scottish mainland. Support for the parents appears boundless with donations for a fighting fund arriving daily from Britain and abroad. The bulk of the money has come from Quakers shocked that two of their followers should be accused of ritually abusing their children. The parents are to receive legal aid in spite of the financial support given by well-wishers.

Much of the work of the action committee, based in a private house loaned by a supporter, involves preparing newsletters, answering telephone calls from the press and attempting to find out information about the children's well-being. Demonstrations have been held by islanders outside the children's panel hearings and people have pledged to mount a constant vigil outside the sheriff court until the evidence is completed.

Each of the families has a Queen's Counsel to represent them as well as junior advocates and lawyers. The social work department is also represented by a QC and belatedly appointed a press officer to deal with the huge number of calls from the media seeking information.

The case has had its effect on social workers too. They are being counselled by professionals to alleviate some of the stress. The British Association of Social Workers confirmed that case workers had visited Orkney to offer help.



Helen Martini: the local doctor and spokeswoman

Assessment to take five weeks

THE judicial assessment of evidence in the Orkney abuse case, which began yesterday, is expected to last for at least five weeks (Kerry Gill writes).

The proceedings had to begin within 28 days of the date when the nine children were taken into care under place of safety orders made by the Orkney children's panel. Sheriff David Kelbie's task is to decide whether those warrants should stand, irrespective of whether criminal charges are brought against any of the parents.

Yesterday, he began by hearing procedural submissions in private from counsel representing the families and the social work department. After a request from some members of the press, Sheriff Kelbie agreed to open the proceedings, emphasising that the families must not be identified. On Monday the hearing will move to Inverness, on the mainland, where evidence will be taken from the children. That is expected to last for about two weeks, after which Sheriff Kelbie will return to Kirkwall, Orkney, to hear evidence from the social workers, and rebuttals by the parents.

The hearing was split after an application to the Court of Session in Edinburgh by Gordon Sloan, the children's panel reporter, who wanted all of the proceedings to be held on the mainland. He argued that if the proceedings were heard in Orkney the pressures on the children would be unacceptable.

The three judges decided that the hearing should be split between the two towns with the children giving evidence in Inverness.

Diet study takes step towards prevention of breast cancer

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

HIGH-FIBRE foods could help to protect some women against breast cancer, according to a preliminary study carried out by American scientists.

The research is a step forward in investigations into the influence of diet on the disease. Although previous studies have shown that high-fat diets can contribute to breast cancer, there is little evidence that fibre has a protective effect.

New work published in an American medical journal today suggests that dietary fibre contains substances that prevent or slow the formation of breast tumours. The findings are confined to research on rats but have implications for breast cancer in humans, according to the scientists.

They report that rats on high-fibre diets developed many fewer breast tumours than rats given little or no fibre. Leonard Cohen, who led the research at the American Health Foundation, said yesterday: "We found that by doubling the amount of fibre in a diet similar to our Western diet, we could significantly reduce the amount of mammary cancer, down to the level of a low-fat diet.

"The fibre itself contains substances which, when they get into the blood stream, will inhibit the formation of a mammary tumour. By some means that we don't understand, fibre is creating changes in the hormone system that protect against breast cancer," he added. "The findings suggest that dietary fibre may function as an anti-promoting agent."

The study, in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, was carried out on four groups of rats in which breast cancer was induced. Each group of 30 rats was given diets containing different levels of corn oil fat and white wheat-bran fibre. After 15 weeks, 90 per cent of the rats on high-fat diets had developed breast cancer, compared with only 47 per cent of those on low-fat, high-fibre diets.

The results were being studied by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in Britain yesterday. Sir Richard Doll, a consultant at the fund's cancer studies unit in Oxford, said: "We believe it's possible to reduce the risk of all cancers by one third through modifications to diet, such as reducing saturated fats and increasing fruit and vegetable intake. The findings of this study are plausible but need to be reproduced on a wider basis."

The same journal also reports evidence from a study at Wisconsin university that tamoxifen, a drug used successfully to treat breast cancer, can help to prevent the disease. The findings lend support to a ten-year study of 1,500 healthy women in Britain to test the drug's ability to prevent breast cancer. The study is half finished and is showing promising results, according to the organisers at the Royal Marsden hospital, London.

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Couple in court after death of child

A CHILD aged 23 months died after he received injuries including 60 bruises, broken bones and a cigarette burn, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

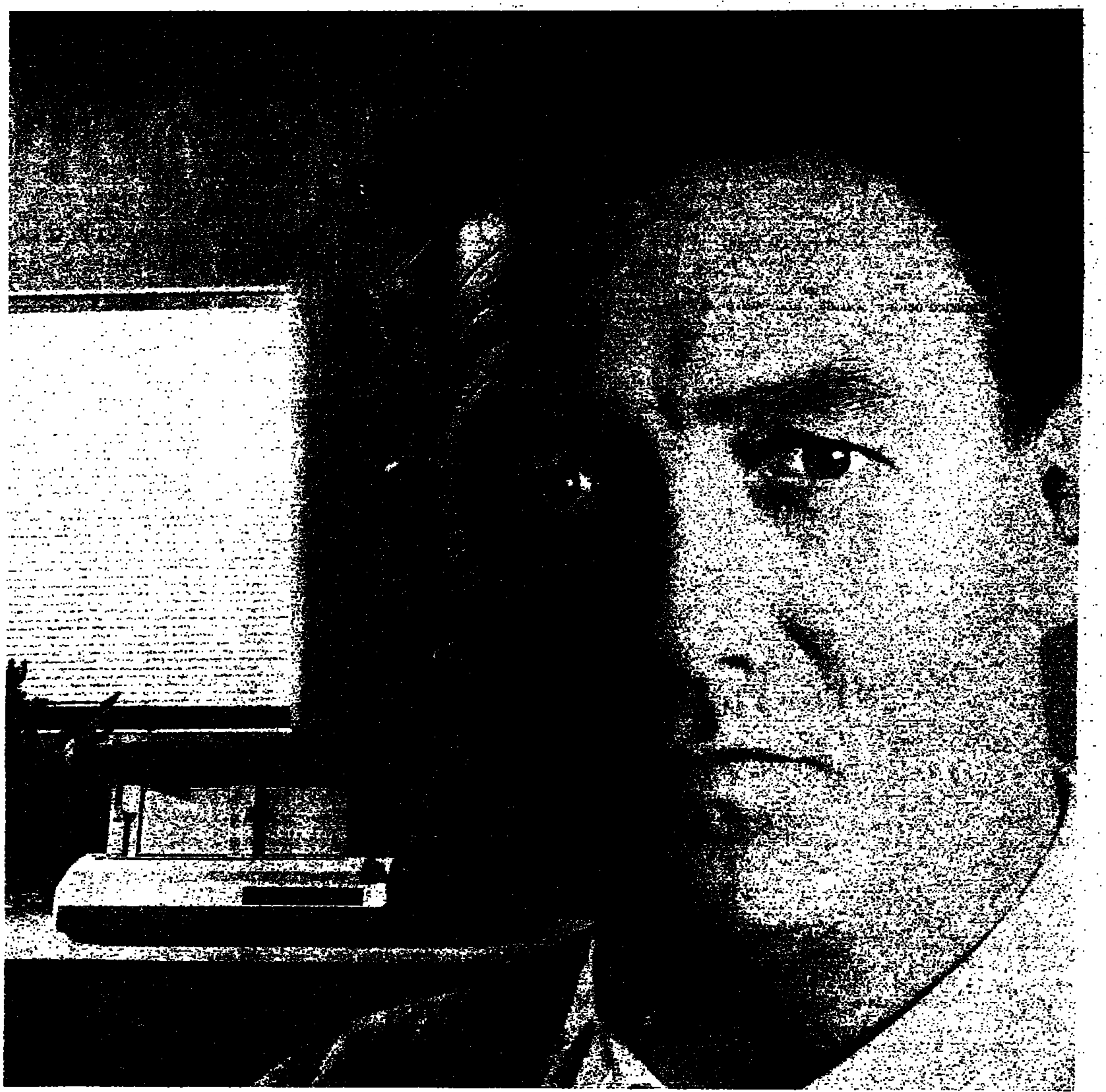
The boy was punched in the stomach on a number of occasions, Michael Stuart-Moore, QC, for the prosecution, said. The fatal blow to his abdomen appeared to have reopened an earlier injury and led to his death.

The child's mother, aged 26, and her boy friend, aged 19, of Richmond upon Thames, Surrey, deny cruelty between March 1 and July 25 last year. They cannot be named as the woman's two other children, a girl aged five and a boy aged three, are subject to ward of court proceedings.

Mr Stuart-Moore said the couple had lived together for some months and had a stormy relationship. On July 24 an ambulance was called to their home to take the child to hospital. He died in spite of the efforts of the ambulance crew and hospital.

"The doctor noted extensive injuries covering his body from head to toe. Bruises were spread over his head, ears, cheek, arms, hands, back, abdomen, legs and feet. X-rays revealed other injuries. Ribs had been broken in two places," Mr Stuart-Moore said.

The couple had never delegated the task of looking after the child, he said. "They could not have failed to see his condition, which must have been deplorable and sad." The hearing was adjourned until today.



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Soothing Hain heads for win in Neath poll today

By JOHN WINDER

PETER Hain, prominent exponent of protest politics, particularly against apartheid in the 1970s, should have been elected Labour MP for Neath when polling stations close tonight.

If there are question marks over the by-election in this Welsh valley constituency, they relate to the effect of the weather on the size of the Labour vote and to which contender will be runner-up to Labour. The favourite for that position, judging by an opinion poll taken at the weekend, is Plaid Cymru, and that party is claiming that it could win if it captures enough of the large number of "don't know" votes remaining in canvassing returns yesterday.

Peter Hain, who upset some rugby enthusiasts with his protests against games between South Africa and British teams in the past, said yesterday that his ambition as a family man was to see his son Jake play for England against an all-races South Africa team. It is with such soothing remarks that he has sought, with some success, to woo the rugby vote in the town where the Welsh Rugby Union was founded in 1881.

SIMON GROSSET

Vote catcher: Dewi Evans, the Plaid Cymru candidate in today's Neath by-election, wooing the "don't knows"

Yesterday, Mr Hain and Ron Waldron, manager of the troubled Welsh rugby team, exchanged felicitations for their forthcoming engagements. Peter Hain suggested afterwards that perhaps Mr Waldron was more in need of the good wishes.

Carefully shepherded by Labour MPs and officials in his relations with the press, Mr Hain has proved an active campaigner and has won the hearts, and, he hopes, the votes, of those he has been able to talk to.

Mr Hain's style in speeches has been surprisingly restrained, compared with his image. His adventures have included a narrow escape from tumbling into one of the constituency's beauty spots, Aberdulais Falls. He has campaigned hard in spite of poor weather in the past few days, and now must hope that his supporters show a similar disregard of the rain if polling day turns out to be wet.

The only opinion poll of the campaign has shown Mr Hain to have 65 per cent of the vote among those declaring their intentions, with Plaid Cymru a clear second on 13 per cent. Both parties will expect to benefit from the disclosure that 67 per cent of those polled also want a Welsh assembly — a stark contrast with the 19 per cent of West Glamorgan voters who supported an assembly in the 1979 referendum.

Dewi Evans, the Plaid Cymru candidate, sees this as a two-horse race and claimed yesterday that he was catching up on Labour. Indeed, he now sees Neath as winnable on the basis of canvassing returns and dismisses the NOP opinion poll as "a rogue". He says that if a third of the "don't knows" vote for him, they would turn his 13 per cent into a majority over Labour. Dafydd Wigley, the Plaid Cymru MP, sounded a warning note when he said that Neath people were so polite that there was a risk of being beguiled by their statement of intent, but he did detect a shift of opinion towards his party.

John Warman, a local councillor, began his final day's campaigning for the Social Democrats with a glass of champagne and a birthday cake to mark the tenth anniversary of the formation of the local SDP and to show that "the flames of social democracy are still burning bright in Neath". By all accounts, including even those of some opponents, Mr Warman is a good councillor and should attract more votes than others who might use the SDP label now.

The Conservatives still talk of winning today. Richard Evans, the Tory candidate, will be an excellent MP, Chris Patten, the party chairman said. Mr Evans said that it would be a tragedy if Neath elected Mr Hain, whos tremist views would stay cealed until he became an Yesterday, Mr Evans h telephone call of support Margaret Thatcher, bu quick to say that that di mean that he was on her of the party. He was sim loyal Conservative a duced a letter of supp John Major to prove

The Liberal Democ pinning their hopes surge of support fro who have not yet their party. David Llo candidate, said: "We of our work at the last and people who make minds at the last minu up their minds for us.

The candidates: Peter (Lab); Dewi Evans Cymru); Richard Evans David Lloyd (Lib Dem) Warman (Soc Dem); David Sutch (Official M Raving Loony Party); Ba (Captain Beany); Rhys J (Local Ind Lab).

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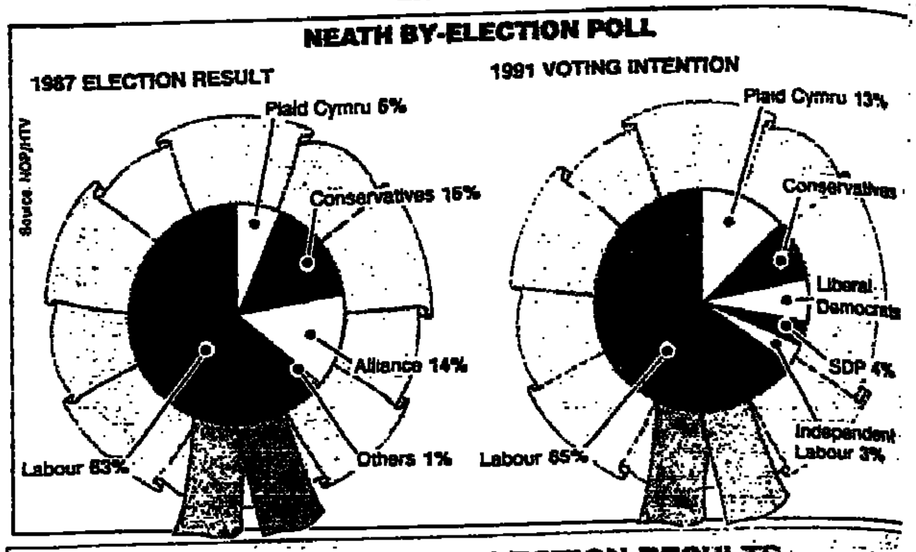

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WELSH/SCOTS BY-ELECTION RESULTS

Date	Place	Con	Lab	Lib Dem/ SLD/SDP	Welsh/ Scot Nat	Green	
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23.02.89	Pontypridd	-6.0	-2.9	-11.9	+20.0(PC)	-	Con hold
04.04.90	Vale of Glam	-10.5	+14.2	-10.2	+1.7	2.0*	Lab gain from
15.06.89	Glasgow Cent	-5.4	-9.9	-8.0	+20.2	+2.9	Lab hold
29.11.90	Paisley N	-1.0	-11.5	-7.5	+16.5	4.0*	Lab hold
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†04.04.91	Neath	-4.0	+2.0	-4.0	+7 (PC)	-	Lab hold

†=NOP/HTV prediction. *Did not stand at previous election

Patten strikes bac

LABOUR shadow cabinet members, including Roy H and Brian Gould, were accused by the Conservatives y of being almost as rude in public about John Major as t in private about Neil Kinnock (John Winder writes).

Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, predicted Hattersley's by-election attack on the prime minister the first of many. Speaking at Neath, Mr Patten said: " terrified of the overwhelming evidence that Mr Maj immensely popular prime minister who is trusted by th because of his transparent honesty and his intellig authoritative leadership."

Parasite harnessed to trace pollution

By MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS working for the National Rivers Authority are using "biological fingerprinting" to trace farms that pollute underground water. The technique is being pioneered in Cumbria and north Lancashire where seepage from silage stores through porous limestone rock is causing concern.

Widely used to feed cattle during the winter, silage is grass that has been cut when still green and then allowed to ferment. Liquor from a typical 400-ton silage store is estimated to have the same pollution potential as a day's untreated sewage from a town of 150,000 people.

Les Hughes, the regional pollution control manager, said: "If there are cracks in the floor or walls of the silage store, the liquor can filter through the limestone into underground water and then reappear in springs and streams many miles away. We have developed a biological tracer which enables us to mark a particular discharge so that it can be traced back to the farm of origin."

The tracer, a harmless parasitic micro-organism, is introduced into silage on suspect farms, a different strain being used for each. The organism colonises the bacteria in the silage. The strain that shows up in laboratory analysis of water from the polluted river or stream will then pinpoint the guilty farm. Last year there were 42 reported cases of silage pollution in the area.

Mr Hughes said: "We are sending out letters to all farmers in the region warning them of the need to check their silage stores before the next cutting season starts around the end of April and beginning of May, and reminding them that they can face fines of up to £20,000 if convicted in a magistrates' court under the new Environmental Protection Act."

Survey shows G dislike contrac

By JILL SHERMA
SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDEN

ONLY 18 per cent of doctors are in favour new contract introdu months ago, accordin survey published today

The report in *Doctor* zine, which questione doctors, showed that th ber of GPs supporti performance-related c had risen by only 6 p since a similar surv April.

However, 40 per c doctors said that they opt to stay with the contract if it was modi third said that they prefer to go back to contract, and a fifth wo for a salaried service.

Despite the lack of siasm for the new which relate bonus pa to meeting screening for cervical cancer and hood immunisation, the practices have cha meet the new de Nearly 75 per cent of p now have a practice m 88 per cent employ more practice nurse more than nine out of running health pro clinics.

☐ Nurses yesterday a television producer broadcasters for perpe the "angels" image. Th College of Nursing, c ing its 75th anniversa the media did not re nurses as professionals.

A survey of 50 broad decision-makers showe soap operas and come grammes were seriously date in portraying n Nurses were seen as low employees, only valu grassroots interviews o such as pay and p hardship.

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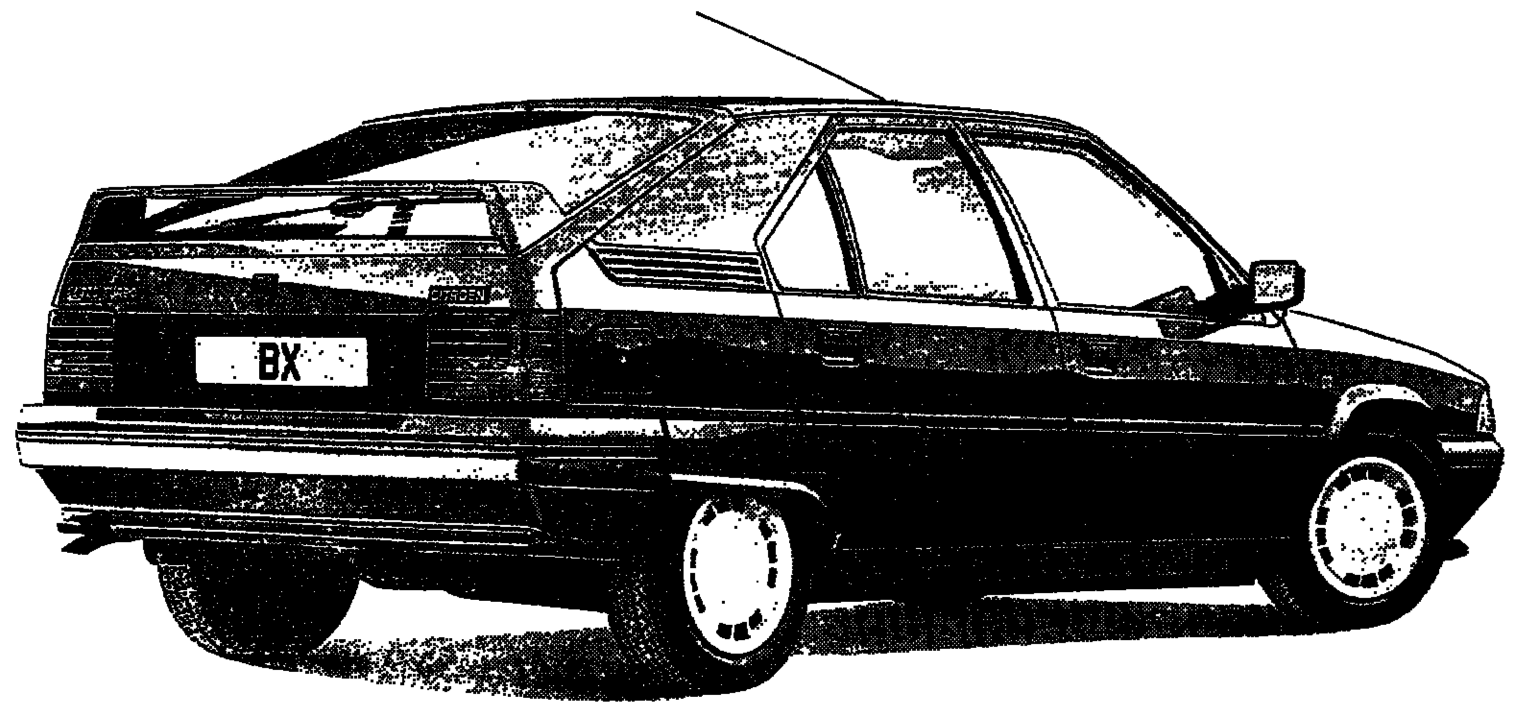

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ɛggar says new tests are user-friendly ɔut not the last word

By David Tytler, education editor

government is prepared onsider and simplify the ulsory testing of all -year-olds under the nat- curriculum if this sum- tests prove unmanage- Tim Eggar, the education ter, promised yesterday.

Eggar said the tests, will begin in 20,000 ls within two weeks, are derably simpler than pi- ts used last year. He told nnual assembly of the ant Masters and Mis- s Association: "The tests impler and more user- lly but I would not claim he tests for 1991 are the ord.

any teachers have been daunted by their first of this year's tests and accompanying instruc- but the point is that this is an evolutionary exercise. We shall learn from these first national tests just as we learned from last year's pilot."

He said it was important for the School Examinations and Assessment Council to take the views of teachers into account and, if necessary, the council would be asked to re-examine the tests. It was important to achieve a balance between pencil and paper tests and an effective and fair way of assessing a child's progress. The difficulty, he said, was that simpler tests led inevitably towards written tests, which many primary teachers felt were unfair to seven-year-olds.

Mr Eggar told the conference at Eastbourne that merit pay rises for teachers would become inevitably linked with compulsory appraisal. The teacher unions, however, have said they would oppose the appraisal if it was directly linked with pay.

"A good appraisal system is bound in the long run to influence awards of extra increments," Mr Eggar said. In the short term there would be no link with pay. The main purpose of appraisal was to help the professional development of the entire teaching force.

Mr Eggar criticised the extremists in the National Union of Teachers who earlier this week called for a boycott of the tests and a campaign of non-co-operation with appraisals.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, whose members voted to oppose appraisal in its present form, said: "We want appraisal to be built in before you are allowed to teach and then closer monitoring to be reflected in higher pay scales."

JAMES GRAY

Looking good: two men keep their eyes glued to their papers yesterday as a Bellville Sassoon creation is modelled in London. The designer hopes the dress will turn heads at the New York Fashion Week starting next Thursday, where five British designers will exhibit their work

No-strike deal is offered by union

ʒy John O'Leary, higher education correspondent

leader of the second st teaching union yes- y held out the prospect of -strike deal if the govern- established an indepen- pay review body for tea- s and agreed to be bound s recommendations.

igel de Gruchy, general tary of the National ciation of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teach- made his offer after dele- at the union's annual erence in Bournemouth ted the government's pro- ls for a staged pay rise of per cent for classroom hers. They also rejected posed new pay negotiating chinery because of the ent of discretion left to education secretary, who ld still have the final say. de Gruchy said that his union would insist on retaining the right to take industrial action over issues other than pay. If the union's conditions on the make-up of an independent body were accepted, however, he would support an initial guarantee of a strike-free year on the question of pay, with the option of extending the agreement indefinitely.

Ministers are understood to be considering the idea of a pay review body as they ponder their next move on teachers' salaries. The government's bill on teachers' pay and conditions has yet to return to the Commons for its report stage. The union's motion on salaries yesterday urged the government to abandon the bill and replace it with plans for a "truly independent review body".

ʃcientist questions funds evidence

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

TISH science is experi- ng a gradual privatisation er than falling into de- e, according to a Cam- lge scientist. Terence ley believes that evidence to support claims that the ity or quantity of research clining or that total funds lable have been cut.

r Kealey, of the depart- t of clinical biochemistry ambridge, who is noted as itic of the prophecies of n issued by Save British nce, says in the journal *ure* that industrial and ical charity support for ce has doubled in the past years, with medical char- now outspending the ical Research Council.

a result, universities nded from 40,246 staff in -7 to 47,038 in 1986-7, as tenured staff more than led, making up for a fall enured staff, Dr Kealey "It is these non-tenured [post-doctoral research ers and others on short- contracts] who have , in part, responsible for ontinued growth of Brit- cience," he says.

Kealey also questions bibliometric evidence by those who suggest that sh science is declining. ies based on the numbers pers appearing in science als are flawed, he says, use they take no account e appearance of new jour- over the period of study. ose who predicted decline made the mistake, Dr Kealey says, of examining not total spending on science, but the government's spending. "By ignoring private support for science, they overlooked the source of growth during the 1980s," he says.

☐ The policies of British governments and the state's failure to act as a long-term innovator have contributed to Britain's technological decline, according to a report by the Science Policy Research Unit at Sussex university, published yesterday (Nick Nuttall writes). Instead of forming strategies for manufacturing and high-technology industries, governments have swung from one policy to another in an attempt to address the nation's economic ills, it says.

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Kealey: a critic of prophecies of doom for science research

?rofessor brings the JFO down to earth

IDENTIFIED flying ob- s are bunk, a physicist n the Queen's Univer- Belfast told a meeting of Royal Astronomical iety in Armagh last night gel Hawkes writes).

ohn Earnshaw said that per cent of all UFO tings could easily be lained. Some were astro- nical objects such as the on, Venus, meteors, at- spheric effects like rain- s, halos around the Sun Moon, and mirages. craft and weather bal- ns were also culprits.

he other 10 per cent of ervations, he said, fell o three categories; xes; things that people 't remember properly; uncommon natural nomena. There was no d to invent beings from outer space to explain any of them. Professor Earnshaw spoke as the latest reports of UFOs came from Maracaibo, Venezuela, where five glowing objects were sighted on Tuesday over the city leaving a cloud of smoke in their wake.

If such objects were really extraterrestrials, Professor Earnshaw said, it was hard to imagine how they would reach Earth. The nearest planets that anybody had suggested might harbour life lay far beyond the Sun in the Milky Way galaxy.

"I do not believe there are any valid sightings involving extraterrestrials. I don't see how they could possibly get here, even if they exist," he added.

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:UTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

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grant scheme was d yesterday at Chich- he cathedral there and nan Catholic cathedral hampton are expected the subject of early ions to English Heritage for help from the scheme.

English Heritage has commissioned Harry Fairhurst, past president of the Cathedral Architects Association, to survey the state of England's 42 Anglican and 19 Roman Catholic cathedrals and the likely cost of repairs over the next decade. The report, the most detailed survey of its kind, is to be completed by July and will provide a basis for the grant aid. Nearly 30 cathedrals have been surveyed and the first grants are expected to be offered in September.

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, chairman of English Heritage, said that during repair and restoration work ancient parts of cathedral fabric would be exposed, perhaps for the first time in centuries. "This will offer an opportunity for scholarly analysis and this too is something we are prepared to help with grant aid."

However, he added: "I would like to make one thing clear. Collecting boxes are still going to be needed as much as ever. Public appeals and private donations will still be the major form of fund raising in the future. English Heritage grants will always be limited in extent and they must necessarily concentrate on urgent structural repairs."

The scheme will complement the Church of England's care of cathedrals measure, which came into effect in March and which establishes for the first time a mandatory system of control over work to the fabric of cathedrals and their contents.

Launching the scheme, Sir George Young, heritage minister, said: "This scheme is to supplement existing fund raising efforts, not to replace them. We don't want anyone to feel, now the departments have moved in, no one else need help. But we did recognise unless there was some fairly quick help from the government, some urgent work might be delayed and we wanted to avoid that."

State aid for repairs to historic churches was introduced in 1977 but the church authorities then took the view that public money should be directed at parish churches because cathedrals were well placed to raise funds for repairs via public appeals and private donations. Last year, about £7 million was given away in church grants. The new cathedral grants will not affect the sum given to churches.

Last summer, Dr Robert Runcie, then Archbishop of Canterbury, appealed to the prime minister for state aid for cathedrals. The government accepted the need for state aid in the white paper *This Common Inheritance*, published in September, and announced in November that funds would be made available for cathedral repairs.

Nicholas Coote, assistant general secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference, said yesterday: "Cathedrals are not only architectural monuments to the glory of God, and for the delight and edification of human beings. They are centres of a living, worshipping community with traditional yet gradually evolving liturgical functions and needs."

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By PAUL WILKINSON

ANIES manufacturing pplying cellular tele- are criticised today for gh costs, poor service ıreasonable contracts. ; the Consumers' As- n magazine, claims ıe in ten users ques- in a survey found that every call they made nove was cut off.

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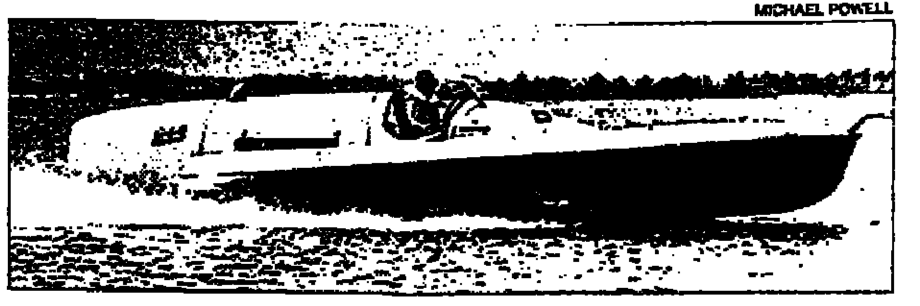
For all this, a customer pays 38p a minute in the peak-rate period, from breakfast-time to late evening, Monday to Saturday. The cost of the first year's use is about £500, with quarterly bills averaging £170.

The magazine reports, however, that the Federation of Communication Services, the cellular telephone trade body, is in discussions with the industry watchdog, Oftel, to produce a model contract making clear the users' position.

☐ Police are failing to use cellular phones in cars to track the vehicles when they are stolen, according to the magazine *Electrical and Radio Trading*. Calls made or received on the phones can be traced, revealing the location of the vehicle and possibly the thief's identity, but police have no guidelines on how to do that, says Derek Smith, the magazine's editor.

Shipshape: Paul Foulkes-Halbard puts a finishing touch to a restored Bluebird

MICHAEL POWELL



Malcolm Campbell setting his world speed record on Lake Maggiore in 1937

Record-breaking Bluebird set for return to the water

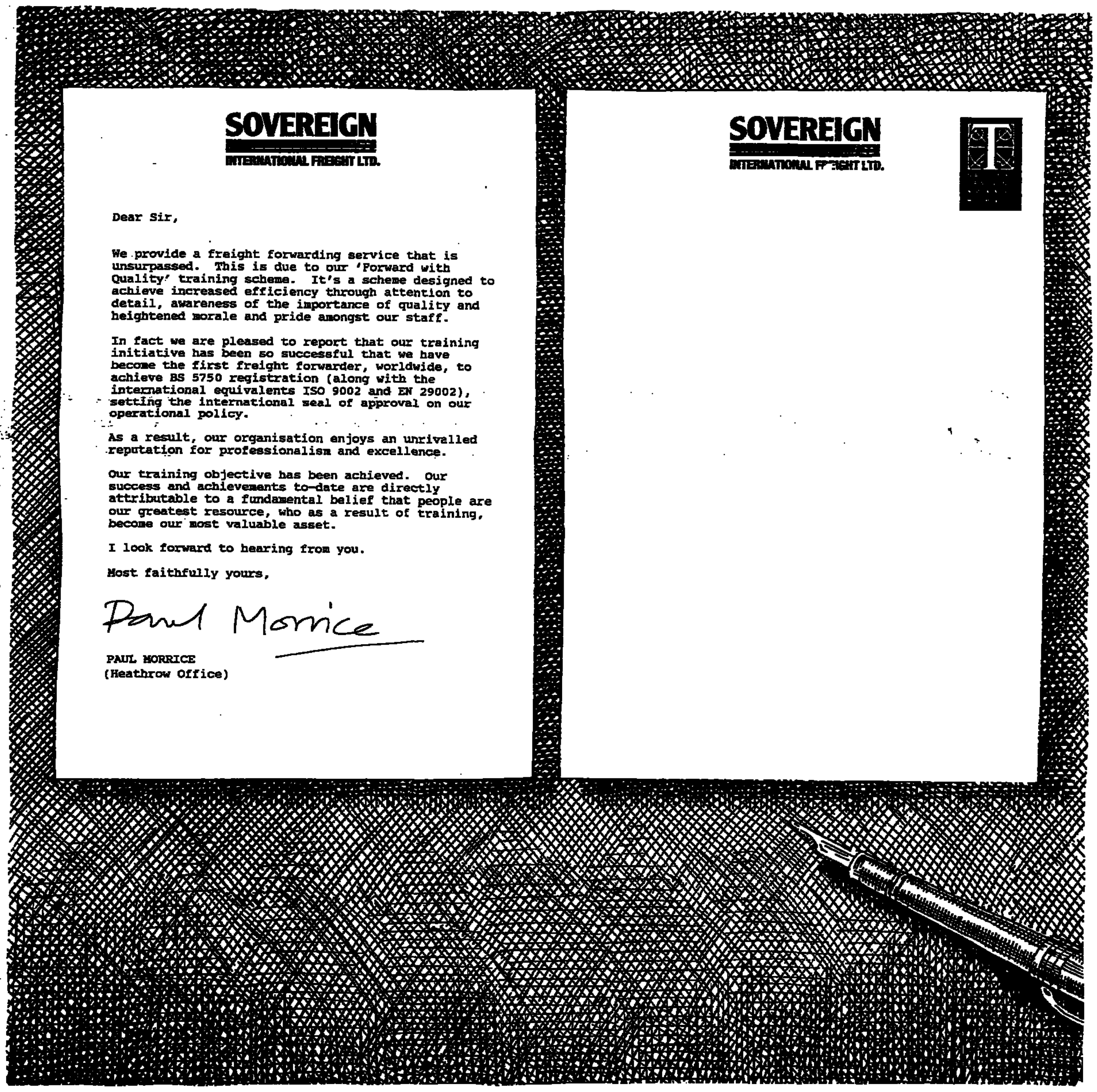
SIR Malcolm Campbell's Bluebird hydroplane is soon to take to the water for the first time since breaking the world water speed record at Lake Maggiore in 1937 and its even faster 130.94mph sprint across Lake Hallwyl, Switzerland, the following year. Restoration of the Bluebird K3 is almost complete and hopes are that it will be ready to take part in a display off Bexhill, East Sussex, on May 4.

The vessel has led a chequered career since its days of glory in the 1930s. It was damaged by bombs during the second world war, partially dismantled for its engine and mechanical parts, put on display in a theme park, and largely neglected in the intervening years. In the mid-1980s the hull was discovered by Paul Foulkes-Halbard, a collector of veteran and vintage cars, and reunited with the original R-type V12 Rolls-Royce engine that drove the boat in 1937-8.

Since then it has been lovingly restored at a large workshop at Filching Manor, between Wannock and Jevington, East Sussex. Stimulated by a promise he made at the 1990 Festival of Motoring at Bexhill, Mr Foulkes-Halbard and his staff have been working round the clock, seven days a week, to have it ready for its first appearance in public at the Bexhill One Hundred on May 4.

When the boat was surveyed most of the original complex wooden framework was found to be good condition but many of its metal parts and wooden reinforcements, having become corroded and warped during years of neglect, have had to be replaced. Although the original R-type engine is available, it will not be risked in action as it is one of only four left in the world. Instead the boat will be powered by a smaller Rolls-Royce V12 engine.

If sea conditions are suitable and everything is in order on the day, Mr Foulkes-Halbard will take the helm for Bluebird K3's Bexhill outing. "When you sit behind the same wheel as Malcolm Campbell did, you really do understand the sort of heritage that he created for British endeavour all those years ago," he said. "And in the restoration of this Bluebird, helped by so many helping hands and in the provision of the right advice and materials by willing enthusiasts, I have begun to comprehend just what the Campbells went through in their pursuit of speed and power."



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Fisherman Bush keeps silent on the plight of insurgents

The Bush administration, determined to avoid being sucked into Iraq's civil war, is trying to ignore Europe's outrage over US inactivity, **Martin Fletcher** reports

At a distance: George Bush far from the plight of the Kurds

AS PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein's forces crushed the Kurdish uprising in northern Iraq this week, the man who encouraged the Iraqi people to "take matters into their own hands" has been fishing off the Florida keys. President Bush caught few bonefish, but all those hours on the water served a very useful purpose. They enabled him to avoid debate on his refusal to help the rebels.

Rarely has the normally loquacious Mr Bush stayed so silent for so long. He has not held court with reporters since March 23. Their occasional shouted questions at the beginning or end of fishing trips have received only the tersest of replies. Asked about Senator George Mitchell's remark that the United States should at least shoot down Iraqi helicopter gunships, Mr Bush remarked: "I'm always glad to hear his advice."

The president has not been alone in his silence. Neither the vice-president, Dan Quayle, the Secretary of State, James Baker, the defence secretary, Richard Cheney, nor any other of the administration's top officials have publicly explained — or sought to justify — Washington's policy of non-intervention. It was first announced by spokesmen, and such defence as there has been since then has also been by spokesmen.

As outrage has grown in Europe, the administration's strategy at home has been to stifle debate on a policy with which few feel comfortable but to which there is no very palatable alternative. "Engaging on this issue gains us nothing," one anonymous official told *The Washington Post* yesterday. Another said: "This is not a crusade. It is a somewhat painful acceptance of a certain reality. You manage it in as low-key way as possible and hope you get through it."

For reasons of their own, the Democrats have largely aided and abetted the administration in this strategy. Having opposed the Gulf war in the first place, it is now hard for them to argue convincingly for military intervention in Iraq and they hesitate to cross a president at the height of his popularity. Moreover, the American people are still in yellow-ribbon mood, savouring the taste of victory, wallowing in sentiment as their troops return. The last thing they want to hear is that fighting should resume. The congressional recess has given the Democrats the perfect excuse for silence and they have gratefully fled to the hills.

The only voices *publicly* criticising the administration have been those of newspaper columnists and a few Middle East scholars, and they have pulled no punches. From right and left they have condemned Mr Bush for his "betrayal" and "sell-out" of the Kurds, for his return to *"Realpolitik"* while promising a "new world order", for his "cynical, misguided and ill-informed" abandonment of the Iraqi opposition. But they are discovering that they cannot inspire a national debate in a vacuum. The administration will not play.

The White House swiftly slapped down General Norman Schwarzkopf when he stepped out of line last week. Asked about the latest broadside from the conservative columnist, William Safire, headlined "Bush's Moral Crisis", a State Department spokesman retorted: "Our policy is decided on the basis of what we think is in the best interest of the US and what the president decides to do, not on the basis of columnists."

The American media have given wide coverage to the plight of Kurdish and Shia rebels an civilians, but few Americans a aware of the strength of Europea feeling about the need to stop th slaughter. Earlier this week, Ma garet Tutwiler, the State Depar ment spokeswoman, describe the suppression of the rebels: "appalling", "tragic" and "hear wrenching" but, as she hers went on to point out, there w little agitation from the Ame can public.

Ms Tutwiler denied Mr Ba had ever asked the Iraqi peop "to put their lives on the line overthrow Saddam ", n withstanding the presiden comment on February "There's another way for bloodshed to stop and that is the Iraqi people to take mat into their own hands and fo Saddam Hussein, the dictator, step down."

Kurds accuse Iraq of using napalm on fleeing civilians

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

A KURDISH spokesman claimed last night that hundreds of thousands of defenceless Kurdish civilians fleeing along mountain roads to the Iranian and Turkish borders face death as Iraqi government forces use napalm and phosphorous bombs to ensure that the Kurds never again have the means, or the will, to challenge President Saddam Hussein.

The claim was denied by Iraq radio, which said the insurrection had been put down and appealed to all those who left their homes to return and live in peace. "Citizens in the cities and the areas where law and order have been re-established need not worry about their lives, property and legal rights," it said. "We call on those who have left their homes in the northern cities and villages to return to live in peace and share the victory and security with everyone else."

But Latif Rashid, a spokesman for the Iraqi Kurdistan Front, a coalition of the main opposition groups, said: "People are being killed every second. Hundreds of bodies are littering the hills of Kurdistan." Helicopter gunships were strafing the convoys, up to 70 miles long, and phosphorous and napalm bombs were being fired by long-range artillery, he said. He appealed for urgent help from the United States and allies to "prevent this genocide".

International relief agencies said two to three million Kurdish refugees, who were fleeing reprisals from Saddam's forces, faced a "catastrophe". Hospitals in the mountains were said to be overflowing with wounded and were desperately short of medicine. One hospital alone had carried out 1,800 operations in a week. Most hospitals are rudimentary, ill-equipped field outfits hurriedly set up by guerrillas. Relief workers confirmed that many people were suffering from phosphorous burns.

Twenty thousand vehicles packed with Kurdish refugees were reported to be waiting at the Iranian border, having been refused access and under attack by Iraqi government forces. Thousands of Shia Muslim refugees, however, were apparently being allowed to cross into Iran. The Iranian news agency claimed rebels were still fighting government forces in the southern cities of Basra and Tanuma.

Mr Rashid estimated that 80 per cent of the people had fled the main Kurdish cities, turning them into ghost towns. Government forces were still flying fixed-wing aircraft despite Baghdad's provisional ceasefire agreement with the allied forces, Mr Rashid said. Kurds dreaded the permanent ceasefire resolution due to be voted on at the United Nations last night because "it will give Saddam Hussein a free hand to slaughter the Iraqi people".

As fears for Kurdish civilians grew, the Iraqi news agency claimed government forces had captured Sulaymaniyah, the last northern town in rebel hands. "Our Kurdish people received our soldiers with cries of joy and cheers for Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein," the agency said. "The saboteurs and traitors escaped to the mountains."

If confirmed, the loss of Sulaymaniyah, near the Iranian border, is a symbolic and a strategic blow to the Kurdish rebels. It was the first town to rise and the last to fall in numerous previous rebellions and was the home town of the legendary Kurdish leader, Mustafa Barzani, whose son Masoud heads the Kurdish Democratic Party.

"We want fair treatment," Mr Rashid said. "The allies sent half a million troops to protect at the most 600,000 Kuwaitis. Now they stand by as four million Kurds are in grave danger."

But one Iraqi opposition leader insisted the revolt was not over and Saddam would soon be toppled in an army coup. "The rebellion has been momentarily halted, not crushed. Eighteen million Iraqis hate Saddam Hussein, even as we speak, there could be a coup against him," said Saad Jabr, leader of the small, London-based Free Iraq Council.

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France plans to take lone action

From JOHN PHILLIPS IN PARIS
AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

AS THE United Nations Security Council prepared to adopt a resolution dictating tough ceasefire terms to Iraq, President Mitterrand said France would take independent diplomatic and humanitarian steps to help the Kurds in Iraq if the council failed to take up their cause.

Bernard Kouchner, the junior minister for humanitarian action, would visit northern Iraq to try to help the Kurdish refugees. Paris was waiting for authorisation for M Kouchner to fly over Iran and Turkey, if possible with a cargo of medicine, clothing and food. Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, told the National Assembly . He did not state directly that the minister would enter Iraq without authorisation from Baghdad but added: "Although one must abide by international obligations, sometimes it is necessary to violate international law."

M Mitterrand told a cabinet meeting that the security council should maintain the embargo against Iraq "as long as the repression lasts" against the Kurds. He said that the UN should work together with aid organisations to send food and medicine urgently to suffering minorities in Iraq.

If the council did not take such action "the political and moral authority of the United Nations would be gravely affected.

A spokesman quoted the president as saying that he "reaffirmed the right of the Kurds, wherever they are living, to their own identity, language and culture, while respecting states". France has insisted throughout the Gulf conflict that the territorial integrity of Iraq should be respected.

M Dumas said France would not be put off by the security council having cold-shouldered, on Monday night, a joint French and Turkish attempt to get it to address the plight of the Kurds and Shias in Iraq. "In spite of juridical difficulties and objections raised by certain countries, France will pursue its action and its aid in the coming hours and days," he said.

The nine-page text of the motion before the security council, the longest and most complex in the council's history, ignored the plight of the Kurds.

Council members were due to meet later to decide how to help the Kurds, after Turkey complained that Iraq's "inhuman repression" presented a threat to international peace and security that would justify UN intervention. In a letter to the security council, Turkey accused Iraq of trying to drive 220,000 people, including women and children, out of the country and said mortar shells had landed in Turkish territory.

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Food chain: Shia women from southern Iraq queueing for provisions at an American-funded refugee camp near the Iraq-Kuwait border yest Tens of thousands of Iraqi civilians fleeing from the fighting against President Saddam Hussein's troops have sought refuge in border c

Cooper catches up with life after five years in Iranian captivity

By JOE JOSEPH

LIKE many normally reserved people who have just escaped from the edge of darkness, Roger Cooper was talking away more breathlessly than the contestants on *Just A Minute*, with just as little hesitation, repetition or deviation.

Yesterday morning, 24 hours after he reached Heathrow airport and freedom from Iran's Evin prison, Mr Cooper was still chatting busily to family, friends and journalists and dancing in the spring daffodils for fun and photographers. Too much to tell and too many people to tell it to, plus telephone calls of congratulation from his ex-wife in Iran, old friends, and a patient at his father's Oxfordshire nursing home.

"It's super to wake up and see the dawn coming over the horizon, hear the birds. My daughter ran me a bath. I haven't had a bath for five-and-a-half years.

"We had a hot shower once a week. But every day for the last six months I've had access to a cold shower. So I showered every day, even though it was winter and the water was freezing ... prison is a very dusty place. Also I was told by the doctor to do it. I had fleas. They get in everywhere. Last night we had tagliatelle in a cream sauce, with chicken and vegetables on top.

"In jail I just tried to eat as well as I could. The whole time I was cooking my own food, or at least preparing it. I didn't have a stove for the first three or four years, but I always made some effort to adapt my food somehow. For example, in the first couple of weeks I had oranges every day. I scraped the pith off the orange peel. I saved my sugar from my tea and made a syrup out of it. I soaked the peel in the syrup and put it on the radiator to dry. You do that a few times and you end up with crystallised fruit.

"When I did get a stove, I was living in a cell with about 10 other people, one of whom was an American. I learned a lot from him about cooking, but he didn't bequeath all his secrets before he left.

"I don't hate Iran for what happened to me. A very small group within the ruling regime did it. I try not to feel bitter towards the whole of Iran and the Iranian regime. I had a big Savak [Shah's secret police] file. I lived in Iran a long time. I fitted the profile of a British spy. The system of paid informers meant that a lot of junk got in to my file. The ayatollah inherited my file and didn't bother to check it. I was told that my file was too big for just one man to carry.

"What I am bitter about is that they did not follow their own constitution at the trial. And to be found guilty was absurd. The television confession was just a piece of theatre. I was told that if I didn't do it I'd get seven years and that if I did it, after it was broadcast I'd go free. But there was always some reason why they couldn't free me. They broke their promises."

Captors said Waite was spy

By NICHOLAS WATT

TERRY Waite was taken hostage in Beirut in 1987 because his captors believed he was a CIA spy and claimed his beard was bugged, according to Roger Cooper, the British businessman who was released from an Iranian jail on Tuesday.

He said yesterday that Iranians had told him during his time in prison that Mr Waite carried a homing device in his beard to guide CIA agents to Western hostages in Lebanon.

Mr Cooper said: "Quite early on after the arrest of Terry Waite I was told he was a spy and that they'd found a homing device hidden in his hair or his beard. And this proved that he was trying to lure the captors to where the hostages were and then the CIA would be monitoring him and they would be able to come in and rescue them.

"I can't imagine that a man like Terry Waite, doing such a delicate mission, would have taken such a risk for his own security and to jeopardise his mission," he said.

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Waite: beard believed to carry CIA homing device

Betrayed yet again by Western powers

Hazhir Teimourian, a Kurdish journalist who contributes to *The Times*, offers a personal view of his people's suffering

THE lack of action by the West towards the plight of my people causes no surprise. The Kurds are, after all, a poor, landlocked people without any influence to affect the fate of the world, and the great powers have bigger problems on their hands.

President Bush is, for example, concerned about the potential break up of the Soviet Union. In the Middle East, his problems revolve around pressing Israel to accommodate the political aspirations of the Arab nations which had joined the Western alliance against President Saddam Hussein. The West also does not want to be seen to be interfering in the internal affairs of sovereign states.

Yes, the Kurds do feel betrayed by the rest of the world, but that is hardly new. One of their oldest proverbs states: "The Kurd has no friend." Only three years ago one of their big towns, Halabja, was attacked with poison gas, killing about 5,000 poeple. A short while later, Mrs Thatcher, then prime minister, doubled Saddam's credit facilities.

Although I try to remain objective about the plight of the Kurds, I cannot but be biased towards the people who nurtured me? I ask myself if child battering is unacceptable in Britain, why should it be somehow acceptable in Iraq? If the slaughter of innocent children from helicopter gunships by a political despot counts as an "internal affair" on the international stage, why then does the world bother keeping the 1948 UN convention on genocide in the statute books when none of its signatories has the humanity to take culprits before an international court?

To me it was, above all, President Bush who created the climate for popular rebellion in Iraq. On the evening of March 11, when Arbil, the first of the big cities of the Kurdish north rose to break free from Baathist control, the news surprised Iraqi opposition leaders whose conference I was attending in Beirut. Their initial euphoria soon gave way to dismay as they realised that it was they who would have to feed and protect the masses. "This is all the work of the Americans," one Kurdish leader told me. "It is happening too fast for us."

History may not easily absolve the American leader, who urged the people of Iraq to "take matters into their own hands" for now washing his hands off the consequences of his action. Nor are the warnings about "another Vietnam" convincing. No one is urging the Americans to to occupy the Iraqi capital. They are merely being asked to shoot down a few Iraqi aircraft to show that they are serious about implementing their own provisional ceasefire agreement with Saddam.

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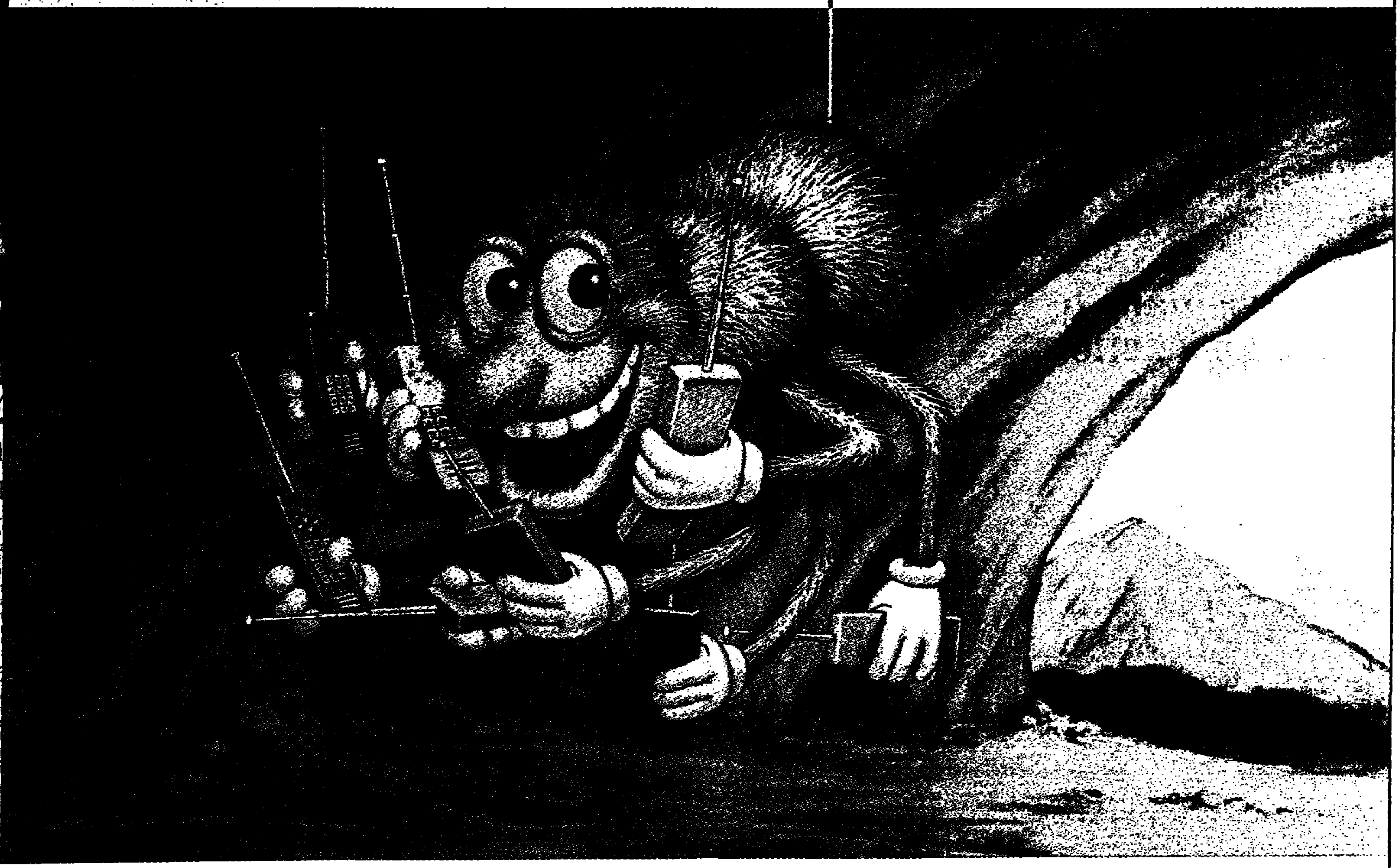

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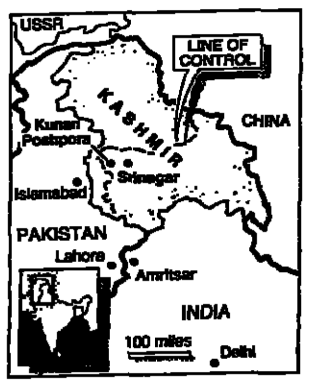
Kashmiri villagers tell of gang-rapes by Indian soldiers

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KUNAN POSHPORA

AT THE age of 80, Jana was the oldest to be raped the night the Indian army went berserk in Kunan Poshpora. "They kicked in the door at midnight. They stayed for eight hours. They were drunk," she said.

Frail and bent, she showed the smashed windows and broken door of her tin-roofed hut, and pointed out the mud floor where she and her daughter-in-law were gang-raped in a small room. "There were so many of them. So many soldiers."

The youngest victim was Misra, aged 13. She was raped in the family's thatched hut. Her sister, Naseema, aged 18, was gang-raped in an adjoining room. So was their mother, Zaba, a widow.



The litany of atrocities seems endless. Men told of being thrown into freezing ponds, of being beaten and subjected to electric shock treatment. One man said he was tied upside down by his feet. Somebody pointed out a bloodstain on the floor of a house used as a makeshift interrogation centre.

The Kashmir state government says false allegations of multiple rapes and other atrocities by Indian troops on the night of February 23 were made under pressure from armed Kashmiri militants. However, that the rapes happened is beyond question. In two years of worsening repression in the valley, what happened in Kunan Poshpora is seen as the greatest single atrocity by security forces.

Perhaps the village, population 1,000, was chosen because of its isolation, deep in the mountains and close to the sensitive boundary that divides Kashmir between India and Pakistan. It certainly took a long time for news to seep out. Until this week the village was cut off by snow, but 72 hours of torrential rain has cleared one winding road to the village.

The soldiers gang-raped at least 53 women while the men were locked in houses and interrogated. In the end, nobody was arrested. No weapons or seditious literature were apparently found. The senior officer at the nearest police station, in the small town of Trehgam, Sub-Inspector Bashir Ahmed, said investigations had been taken out of local control. Although reluctant to talk about the affair, and noting that he had taken up his post only two days earlier following his precedessor's sudden transfer, he said: "To some extent we are satisfied that rapes took place."

The unmarried girls of Kunan Poshpora will suffer the most in the long-term from being raped. Zaba said she would now be unable to find good husbands for her two abused daughters. "What man will want them?" she said. "Who will marry them now, other than low class men? They will never get a good match."

The military and paramilitary presence in the Kashmir countryside is great. At night, convoys of 40 to 50 Jeeps and lorries rumble along narrow, crumbling roads, on their way to some sleeping village in the ceaseless search for militants.

The alienation of the valley from India seems to be complete. In a very real sense, India has lost this part of Kashmir. The will to continue the fight appears to have hardened from six months ago, despite a gruelling winter and visibly greater poverty compared with last summer.

Mufti Bahaud-din Faroqi, the former chief justice of Jammu and Kashmir, visited Kunan Poshpora recently after trekking through deep snow. Speaking from Srinagar, the state capital, he said it was clear that hundreds of soldiers had entered the village at about 11pm on February 23 and stayed until 8am.

He did not believe any officers had participated in the rapes. But one woman, whose account of her night's ordeal Mr Faroqi taped, told him: "Four *jawans* (soldiers) used me. They said the officers told them them to spend at least five minutes in every bed."

Mr Faroqi, who has collected 53 testimonies so far from women alleging rape, believes the abuses against women are part of a strategy to break the will of the rebellion against India. "It is a calculated policy. The repression is everywhere. The valley is under martial law. There are no freedoms, no human rights. There is not a functioning judicial system to protect people."

Briton accused of drugs dealing

From NEIL KELLY
IN BANGKOK

Awaiting trial: Mervyn Wallace, left, Ralph Wilson, centre, and Michael MacNeil, attending a press conference in Bangkok yesterday after they were charged with drug offences. They are expected to appear in court next week

THAI police allege that an Englishman arrested in northern Thailand earlier this week is involved in an international drugs trafficking syndicate operating in four continents.

Melvyn Wallace, aged 37, of Rochester, Kent, was arrested with two Canadians as they were about to begin a journey to Canada. Major-General Bamrung Keiwurai, of the Narcotics Suppression Bureau, said that 11 lb of high-grade heroin was seized when they were arrested. If convicted, they could be sentenced to death, although Thailand has never executed a Westerner for a drugs-related crime.

Unlike Malaysia, Thailand does not have a mandatory death sentence for serious drugs offences. The usual penalty is life imprisonment, but Westerners can expect to receive royal clemency and be released after they have spent less than ten years in prison.

Mr Wallace, who describes himself as a musician and disc jockey who has promoted well-known performers in Britain, said he had been "set up". He has lived in Thailand for three years. He was charged, with Michael MacNeil, aged 25, and Ralph Wilson, aged 41, both from Toronto, with illegal possession of heroin and attempting to smuggle it out of Thailand.

Police said the heroin was concealed in two suitcases and a briefcase with false bottoms. The three men admitted that they owned the baggage but not the contents. They said they would plead not guilty.

The three men are expected to appear in court for the first time next week when police will ask for them to be remanded in custody. Bail is never given to defendents in serious drugs cases.

The general said the investigations that led to the arrests had started in Athens and then moved to South America, Britain, India, Thailand, the United States and Canada. He claimed that the drugs ring involved smuggling tons of hashish from India and Lebanon and heroin from Thailand.

Mr MacNeil's lavish lifestyle, which included stays in luxury hotels, limousines and first-class air travel, had attracted the investigators' attention.

Narcotics officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had followed Mr MacNeil around much of the world and they were present when the three men were arrested outside their hotel at Chieng-Mai in northern Thailand. The town is close to the transit routes for opium and he traffic from the Go Triangle area of Bu Laos and Thailand.

The trial will cont today of Patricia Cahill, Birmingham teenager has pleaded not guilty charges of attempted he trafficking. She is being in the juvenile court as was only 17 when she arrested last July. The is expected to deliver verdict by the end of month.

Hurd aims to break deadlock on colony

Peking — Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, arrived here yesterday, determined to break the deadlock between the Chinese and Hong Kong governments over control of the British colony between now and its handover to China in 1997 (Catherine Sampson writes).

He said he hoped his visit would end the "stagnation in discussions on matters concerning Hong Kong". Mr Hurd is the most senior British politician to visit China since the Tiananmen Square killings in 1989.

He hopes to resolve a row over plans for a new port and airport. The dispute has turned into a serious argument over who is to govern Hong Kong up to 1997. Mr Hurd hopes to "make progress on" the issue.

Garrison quiet

Islamabad — The Afghan garrison captured by guerrillas four days ago was reported to be quiet yesterday, with no sign of a promised government move to recapture the city. Mujahedin sources said that at least ten people died and 30 were wounded when a Scud missile was fired into Khost on Monday. *(Reuter)*

Woman premier

Ottawa — The first woman premier in Canadian history has taken over the leadership of British Columbia following the resignation of William Vander Zalm on Tuesday. Rita Johnston was sworn in a few hours after Mr Vander Zalm stepped down following a finding that he had violated conflict of interest rules.

Ershad sworn in

Dhaka — Hussain Ershad, the ousted president of Bangladesh, was sworn in as a member of parliament. Mr Ershad, aged 61, who faces trial for abuse of power and remains under house arrest, had earlier refused to take the oath unless he was set free. He relented when told that he risked losing his seat.

Killer bees return

Mexico City — African bees, also known as the killer bees, have returned to the Mexican capital, causing widespread fear among its 20 million people. Firemen have been kept busy dealing with hives and the army is being trained to dispose of the bees.

ANC call to ban Zulu weapons

From GAVIN BELL
IN JOHANNESBURG

THE African National Congress yesterday called on the government to ban so-called traditional weapons from black townships, in an attempt to curb political violence which has claimed more than 1,200 lives since last August. An ANC delegation led by Alfred Nzo, the secretary-general, also demanded impartial policing of the strife-torn areas during talks with Adriaan Vlok, the law and order minister.

The ANC has claimed repeatedly that the flaunting of clubs and spears, notably by Zulu supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party, and police misconduct have fuelled the conflict around Johannesburg and in the Natal.

After the inconclusive meeting, Mr Vlok said he would raise the issues with Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader. "I agree with the ANC that pangas and axes are not traditional weapons, but we must be very careful when we disarm people," he said. "It is not only a knife or an axe that can be a dangerous weapon. A stone can be, even a woman's shoe under certain circumstances." He added: "I assured them we are acting as impartially as possible."

Vlok: pledge to raise issue with Chief Buthelezi

One result of the fighting has been growing support for Inkatha among black town councillors under siege by civic associations allied to the ANC. Prince Mokoena, the mayor of Alexandra township near Johannesburg, said councillors in the Transvaal were flocking to join Inkatha.

Church leaders are becoming increasingly critical of politicians on both sides of the tribal divide who have failed to halt it.

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Albanian communists struggle to keep grip on city after protest over poll

Opposition party calls for strike over deaths

From REUTER IN SHKODER

THE Albanian city of Shkoder appeared to be out of the control of the ruling communists yesterday after security forces shot dead three people protesting against the party's election victory.

The main opposition party called a one-day general strike for today after the deaths of the three on Tuesday. Gramoz Pashko, the joint leader of the Democratic party, said it was issuing leaflets urging people not to work today and to switch off their lights at 9pm as a protest.

Witnesses of the unrest in the northern town accused soldiers and police of opening fire on high-school pupils who had gathered in the main square for a peaceful protest in front of the building on Tuesday morning.

"In our opinion the elections on Sunday were a fraud. Our slogan was 'we don't want blood'. Then the police fired with automatic rifles," said Harris Morana, aged 16, who is in intensive care in Shkoder's hospital with a bullet wound in the chest. He was among 59 people who were wounded in more than two hours of running clashes and shooting, according to Xhemal Uruci, the local Democratic party secretary. Protesters set fire to the city's communist party headquarters and army vehicles.

Official results from Albania's first multi-party elections since communists took power in 1944 showed that the ruling Party of Labour had won 162 of the 250 seats in parliament against 65 for the Democrats. Four seats went to two small groups and the remaining 19 are to be decided in a second round on Sunday.

Relatives of Arben Borci, aged 23, a Democratic party leader, said they were shot from behind. "He wanted to win democracy and freedom. He wanted to be in front of the young boys. He was shot in the back," said Borci's mother, Gjelie, who wept and kissed her son's corpse in the small room where it lay surrounded by wailing women.

Borci's colleagues said that he had been appealing to protesters to go home when he was *killed*. State television said three people died and 23 others, 12 of them police, had been wounded.

The report said shots were fired "to act against terrorism" after about 1,000 demonstrators began stoning the communist party headquarters. Harris and other witnesses said the building was stormed only after shots were fired, some said from inside.

The four-storey headquarters was a burned-out wreck late on Tuesday, piles of ash still smouldering outside *where* protesters *had set alight* pillaged files, furniture and works of the late stalinist leader, Enver Hoxha.

Two armoured cars and two police lorries were charred *hulks*, stones and glass from shattered windows littered the main square and a dead cat hung from a lamp-post. Residents said the cat had been strung up in effigy of Hoxha's hardline widow, Nexhmije.

Shkoder, which is 70 miles from Tirana, has a history of opposition to communism. It was the scene of Albania's first *big pro-democracy* demonstration in January last year and in December rioters blew up a statue of Hoxha and urinated on the remains.

In Sunday's vote, the Party *of Labour swept the country*side of the largely rural Balkan state while the Democrats, founded four months ago when President Alia lifted a decades-long ban on opposition, triumphed *in Tirana*, Shkoder and other cities.

Residents of the western town of Kavaje said 20,000 workers had gone on strike. In Tirana, riot police fired shots in the air and used truncheons to beat about 400 stone-throwing protesters.

The elections polarised Albania between urban res*idents and peasants*. Tuesday's unrest indicated that the Party of Labour was likely to have trouble controlling key centres other than by force. Special forces were on patrol *in Shkoder on Tuesday night*, driving around in a van with a rifle barrel poking from the front window.

More than 80 per cent of voters in Shkoder backed the *Democrats*, many of whose leaders are intellectuals. Dozens interviewed said they could not accept continued communist rule, nor could they believe statements by international observers that the elections had been fair. "We cannot put up with any more. We have run out of patience," one man, aged 64, said.

In Tirana, about 5,000 Albanians, desperate to leave the country after the election victory of the ruling communists, massed outside the Greek embassy yesterday in the hope of getting visas. Police and soldiers with rifles kept guard at the embassy, pulling aside applicants whom they suspected of having in*correct papers*.

● ATHENS: More than 600 Albanians crossed the border illegally into Greece hours after the election results. Unofficial reports say that some *Albanians of non*-Greek origin were being turned back forcibly.

Running battle: police chasing demonstrators in Tirana yesterday after protests erupted in the wake of the communists' victory in Sunday's elections

More troops deployed in Croatia

From DESSA TREVISAN AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

YUGOSLAVIA'S federal presidency and leaders of the country's six constituent republics met yesterday in emergency session amid mounting *anxiety that a military* takeover was imminent in the northern republic of Croatia.

Reports from Zagreb, the Croatian capital, said that rail transport throughout the re*public had been disrupted* by troop movements and federal military convoys were also spreading out by road.

As Yugoslavia's disintegration gathers momentum, the *situation is* generating increasing conflict between Serbia and Croatia, and reducing even more the chances of a peaceful settlement. The conflict reached a new peak last Sunday when two people were killed in ethnic clashes in the Croatian lakeside resort of Plitvice before the federal army intervened.

The town now seems to have calmed down but the arrival of reinforcements, including anti-aircraft guns, has fed Croatian fears that a creeping military takeover of the republic is under way. However, General Andrija Raseta, the commander of the Plitvice operation, was at pains to deny the rumours. He said his men were "protecting neither side", that they were there to prevent "ethnic confrontations" and will remain "as long as it is necessary".

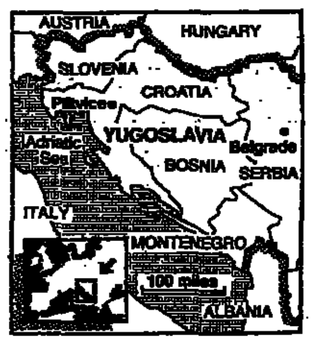
Yugoslavia's eight-man federal presidency last month rejected an army proposal to place the military on general alert and introduce an effective state of emergency *while the politicians contin*ued bickering

Serbia supported the proposal but was outvoted by other republics which argued that the situation did not merit such drastic action. After the thwarting of this move, the military made it clear that while it would not interfere in the political talks neither would it stand by if ethnic conflict erupted.

The violence in Plitvice has given the military a chance to add such a buffer force, but the deployment of federal troops throughout Croatia is spreading with the conflict.

Reports suggest that troops are moving south to the region of Krajina, where the local Serbian minority last weekend unilaterally declared union with Serbia. The military are *also said to be moving to the* northern region of Slavonija where armed Croatians and Serbian villagers have been erecting road blocks. Meanwhile, Croats have been fleeing the Serbian-dominated town of Knin, the centre of Serbian mutiny after a series of bomb explosions.

The stage has now been set for a test of strength between the federal presidency and the Serbs led by Slobodan Milosevic, their hardline communist president, who has so far enjoyed the support of some if not all of the senior army officers. Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, is accusing Mr Milosevic of inciting and organising the Serbian rebellion in his republic. The Serbs deny this, but the Serbian chief of police in Knin told journalists on Tuesday: "We have done our bit, now it is up to Milosevic to keep his promise and supply us with arms".



Yeltsin poll plea rejected

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

BORIS Yeltsin, the leader of the Russian Federation, yesterday fought off moves to censure his record but was unable to secure agreement on early elections to a stronger republican presidency which would provide him with a new power base.

Faced with deadlock at the federation's Congress of the People's Deputies, Mr Yeltsin's radical supporters in parliament and in the strike-bound coal mines have threatened to campaign for new legislative elections in the republic. The finely balanced congress yesterday rejected an attempt to include in its final document a statement accusing Mr Yeltsin of "calls to seize power by non-parliamentary means". In another tactical victory for the liberal side, it upheld the parliamentary immunity of a wealthy businessman, Artem Tarasov, who faces prosecution for alleging that President Gorbachev is prepared to sell Japan the disputed Kurile islands for $200 billion (£113 billion).

But legislators rejected an appeal for the formation of a national unity government, and another amendment that would have scheduled presidential elections for early May or June.

Miners' representatives yesterday held fresh meetings with the government, which Mr Gorbachev has promised to join.

Underlining the close links between developments at the congress and in the pits, a notice outside the debating hall in the Kremlin informed deputies that at one Urals mine 2,000 men were staging a sit-in.

Workers' showcase yearns for capitalism

The insoluble problems of the giant Uralmash plant reflect the plight of the Soviet Union's centrally planned industry. Mary Dejevsky reports from Sverdlovsk

AFTER the Democrats took over Sverdlovsk city council a year ago, they removed the giant red letters that spelled "Forward to the victory of Communism" across the roof of a central public building. In a mouldering suburb, with potholed roads and puddles like ponds, they left the sign that read: "Glory to the heroic working class!" which is just as well, because heroic is the only word to describe the workers of Sverdlovsk.

Some 45,000 of them are concentrated in and around *the vast metallurgical* complex of Uralmash, at the end of a road bordered by estate after heavy industrial estate. It is one of the biggest machine building works in the country, with a projected turnover for 1991 of 1 billion roubles (£1 billion at the official rate of exchange) — and a product range which includes everything *from* large excavators and oil drilling rigs to washing machines. Uralmash has its own railway station, its own bus depot, its own kindergartens, clinics and a new maternity home. It is a town within a city — and, like much of Soviet industry, it is on the brink of financial collapse.

Time was when the director of Uralmash could expect a call to an honourable job in Moscow. One former director, *Nikolai* Ivanovich Ryzhkov, built his reputation for efficiency at Uralmash, and was appointed prime minister on the strength of it.

For the past six years the chair which belonged to Mr Ryzhkov, has been occupied by Igor Ivanovich Stroganov, an energetic man *who contemplates the future* with incomprehension verging on despair. He is lumbered with an industrial complex that is a nightmare of financial and personnel management, with no freedom of action and no blueprint either. He has only a series of unrealistic and conflicting instructions from Moscow passed down without consultation.

Profits this year are set to slump from 130 million roubles to 24 million roubles because of changes in taxation and pricing. Mr Stroganov says he cannot reduce the workforce, because the turnover of trained staff is already too high — more than 10 per cent in the first quarter of this year compared with less than 5 per cent in 1987, the heyday of perestroika.

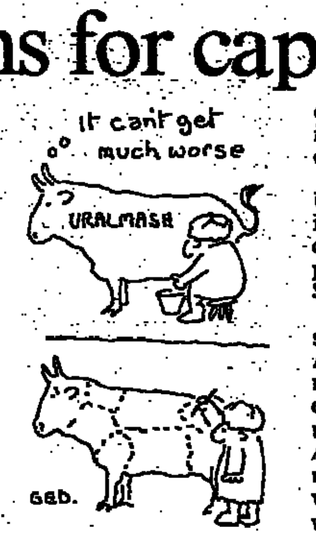
Uralmash cannot increase production, although this is what Moscow says it should do, because raw materials are already scarce and have to be obtained through barter. State supply contracts are not honoured. Uralmash cannot increase prices of its products because they are already close to world levels and no one will then buy them. Anyway, prices are are set in Moscow.

Since the miners' strikes began last month, Uralmash has been living perilously. According to Mr Stroganov, it has only two days' supply of coke for the furnaces; iron is running short. Thousands could be laid off.

"The only link between Uralmash and Soviet power is that Soviet power has continually milked it — and put nothing back in." Mr Stroganov said.

"Give us even the first stage of capitalism," said Aleksandr Petrovich, a foreman with 30 years' experience, "and let them exploit us in the capitalist manner. At least they would pay more to exploit us. I have worked here for 30 years and what have I got? A poky flat, a car that is falling to pieces and some furniture. Nothing else. I am a pauper, a pauper."

Aleksandr Petrovich, was one of the workers who took part in last week's "two-hour" warning strike at the works. "Two hours," he scoffed. "Who told you it was two hours? We were out for a full 24 hours; I'll tell you. We were supporting the miners — and we're learning from them."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Hidden scrap of history worth a fortune

New York — An American who bought a torn painting at a country market for $4 because he liked the frame is likely to become a millionaire when he auctions a scrap of paper he found tucked inside (James Bone writes).

The document, measuring 15in by 20in, turned out to be an example of the first printing of the American Declaration of Independence. It will be sold at Sotheby's in June for an estimated $800,000 to $1.2 million (£680,000).

The unidentified seller, from Philadelphia, bought the painting at a market in Adamstown, Pennsylvania, two years ago. The yellowing paper had been folded several times and inserted between the canvas and the frame.

Sotheby's authenticated the document as one of the rare first printing of the Declaration of Independence. It was printed by John Dunlap on the evening of July 4, 1776, the day the 13 colonies declared their independence from Britain. Only 23 other copies of the first printing, known as the "Dunlap Broadside", are known to exist.

Sotheby's says the latest copy is in fine condition, although suffering from the usual "foxing", or brown-orange spots. "It's extremely fresh and as close to the condition as it would have come off Dunlap's press as possible," Selby Kiffer, the saleroom's expert on printed Americana, said.

Aid increase

Bonn — Germany is increasing aid to ethnic German communities in eastern Europe and the *Soviet Union in an effort* to stop them trying to return. Horst Waffenschmidt, state secretary in the interior ministry, said that DM100 million (£35 million) had been set aside already

Trial report

Peking — Ren Jianxin, president of China's supreme *court, said trials of those* detained in connection with the unrest in June 1989 have been "basically completed". He said that 715 people had been tried in Peking alone. *The phrase "basically com*pleted" suggests that a few trials are outstanding.

Defiant Galtieri

Buenos Aires — *Leopoldo* Galtieri, the former Argentine dictator who ordered the invasion of the Falklands and led his country to defeat in the war with Britain, said he *would do it again. In his first* public comments he said he would order recovery of the islands, over which Argentina claims sovereignty. *(Reuter)*

One-class travel

Paris — One of the quintessential symbols of Parisian snobbery, the first-class metro carriage, has been abolished *by the city's transport* authority, but no date has been given for its withdrawal. The carriages have been in use since the Metro was built in 1900 except for a brief period *in 1947*.

Plea on exports

Brussels — President Walesa appealed to the EC to open its markets to Polish exports, but accepted that former Warsaw Pact states cannot join Nato since it would alarm Moscow. On a visit here to sound out EC membership, he was told it would take time

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Sky scope tracks secrets in space

The Atlantis shuttle will launch an observatory and send out astronauts on a spacewalk. Nigel Hawkes maps the mission

Black holes and exploding stars are two targets for a space telescope due to be launched tomorrow. The Gamma Ray Observatory, being launched from the space shuttle Atlantis, should provide information about some of the "most exotic members of the celestial zoo", says Alan Bunner, the programme manager. These include neutron stars, pulsars, black holes and places in the universe that contain extremes of temperature and density and magnetic fields.

If we were above the atmosphere and could detect gamma rays, the sky would be like a firework display, full of objects flashing, flickering and exploding. About 100 times a year there would be an explosion so brilliant that it would obliterate all other sources, including the Sun. The telescope is the second of four Nasa observatories, following the unlucky Hubble optical telescope into orbit.

Later this decade it will be followed by telescopes operating in the x-ray and infra-red regions of the spectrum.

Nasa is confident that the telescope, at 17 tons the heaviest payload put into space by the shuttle, will not suffer the same embarrassing flaws as Hubble. For a start, it has no mirror, as gamma rays would go straight through a mirror. Instead, it has four detectors weighing up to two tons each, which have been tested individually and together to ensure they will work.

Every detector will take two weeks to make an exposure, counting the gamma ray photons as they arrive. Together, the four instruments will cover the full energy range, using different techniques to measure the gamma rays from different areas of space.

The observatory will spend its first 15 months on a survey between ten and 50 times more sensitive than previous gamma ray studies. Gamma rays are the messengers of the most violent events in the cosmos but are invisible from Earth because they are absorbed by the atmosphere. Black holes, for example, are expected to provide a characteristic gamma ray signature that would prove they exist. "Since the sky is largely unexplored, it is like looking at the universe with new eyes," says Carl Fichtel, whose Egret detector (energetic gamma ray experiment telescope) will seek black holes and the explosions of supernovas.

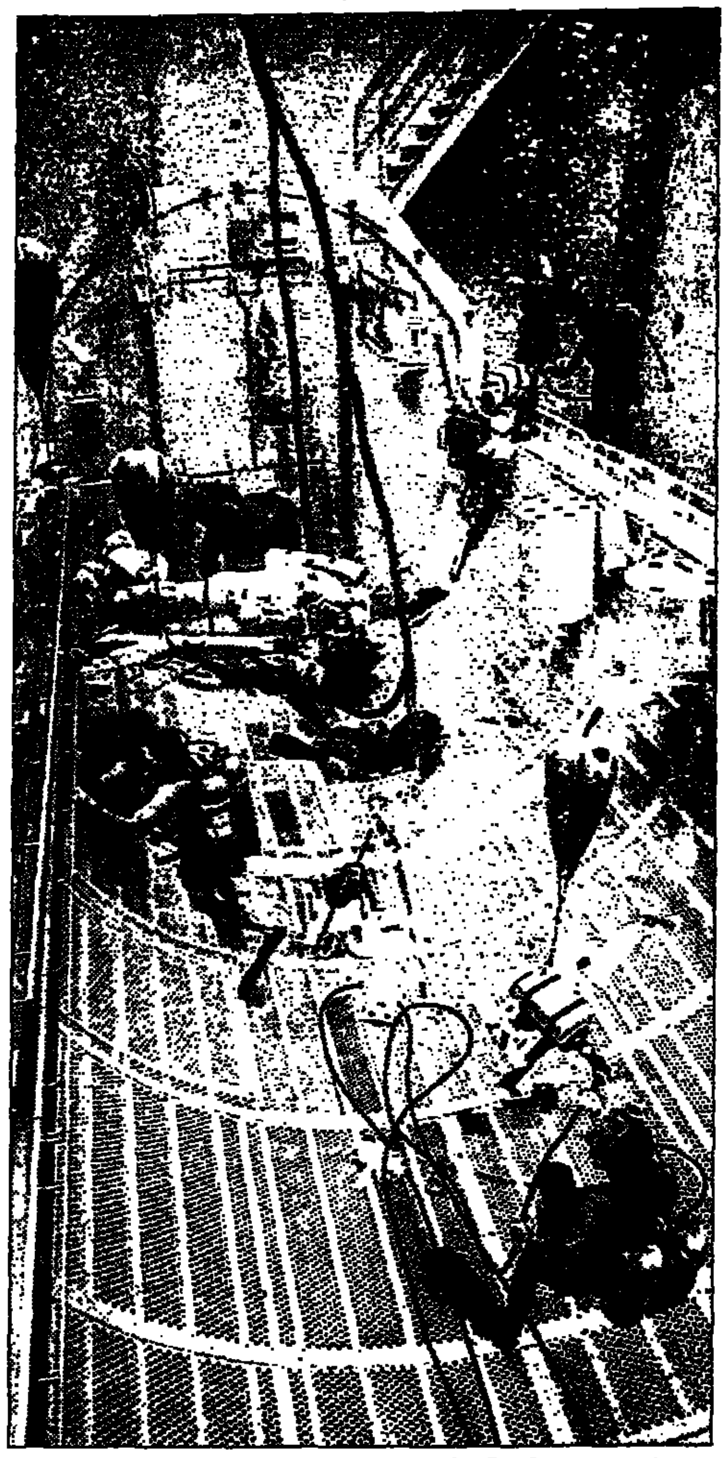
Another instrument, Batse (burst and transient source experiment), will seek gamma ray bursts, brilliant random explosions that were discovered in 1967 by the Vela satellite, launched to detect nuclear explosions on Earth. Such bursts, lasting only a few minutes, appear unrelated to any visible objects and come and go without leaving any traces.

The bursts may be linked with neutron stars, ultra-dense objects that are torn by quakes or thermonuclear explosions and could produce bursts of gamma rays. Batse has eight detector modules pointing in different directions to pinpoint bursts.

After several years, the scientists should have hundreds of gamma ray events to classify. Nasa intends to run the observatory for at least four years, but it will carry fuel to operate for ten years and to position itself for a controlled re-entry. During the mission the astronauts are expected to make the first American spacewalk for more than five years.

'The telescope should show some of the most exotic members of the celestial zoo'

In the payload bay Lieutenant-Colonel Jerry Ross and Dr Jap Apt will test methods for building and maintaining Nasa's planned space station. The bay will have a section of track more than 23ft long. Lieut-Col Ross and Dr Apt will attach a similar length of track to it, giving them a 47ft rail along which to test vehicles of various designs. They will also secure themselves to a platform at the end of the shuttle's mechanical arm, while another astronaut, Dr Linda Godwin, moves them about from inside.



High steps: underwater spacewalk practice for the astronauts

Video reality sharpens up the train drivers

British Rail decides to take a super-simulator on board

TRAINING locomotive drivers is an expensive and time-consuming process. Drivers may practise real-life situations but this uses up rail track and rolling stock.

For this reason, British Rail employs two portable driver simulators, which are installed in the back of a bus. However, the systems cost about £350,000 each and are used only with experienced drivers.

A British company is tackling these problems by developing a simulator that will be cheaper and will offer additional facilities backed by £200,000 from British Rail and the government's Training Agency.

Train simulators now in use have a video disc player to give the driver pictures of the track adequate for most situations but inappropriate for simulations requiring speed variations. For example, the slowing-down at a signal followed by a speeding-up is normally achieved by shooting the track scene with high-speed film and skipping some of the frames. However, this rules out a simultaneous commentary, and overlaying the pictures with computer graphics is also difficult. The new simulator has a system called Digital Video Interactive (DVI), which uses powerful microchips to compress large amounts of data and makes it relatively easy to record variable speed video, sound and graphics on to a computer hard disc.

The system has a standard personal computer and the driver sits in front of a monitor. Future systems may use wide-screen televisions or projection screens for greater realism. "Our main objective at this stage is to make the system portable," says Stefan Nowak, the technical director of Hodos, which developed the system.

The simulator, which is expected to cost about £35,000, has mock-up cab controls, including a speedometer, brake pressure meters, a brake valve control handle, a power handle and an automatic warning system, which the driver must operate whenever the train passes through a red or amber signal.

GEORGE COLE

Message on a bottl to beat the fakers

Plastic seals should help keep drugs and other products safe from counterfeiters

Wafer-thin films of plastic have been developed by British researchers to help defend drugs and high-priced pharmaceuticals against counterfeiters and blackmailers. The "intelligent" layers, held over a bottle's mouth, will withstand the daily knocks and bangs of packing and shipping.

If broken by a syringe or tampered with in some sinister way, however, the films will delaminate spontaneously or break apart from their bindings. This changes the way light refracts and reflects through the layers, instantaneously revealing a permanent warning printed within the layers.

The same technology can be adapted so that, if the films are pressed, an authenticating image or message is permanently displayed, reassuring the buyer that they are the first person to have opened the bottle since it left the factory.

A chemist or supermarket pharmacist could equally press the films as part of a random check to prove that a consignment is genuine.

The authenticating film technology has been developed by scientists at ICI Imagedate in Brantham, near Manningtree, Essex, in collaboration with Flex Products of Santa Barbara, California. The development highlights the enormous worldwide push to develop low-cost, anti-counterfeit and tamper-evident technologies against increasingly sophisticated gangs faking everything from drugs, foods and expensive drinks to car, aerospace parts and electrical goods.

The fakers were once content with relatively harmless copies of such items as T-shirts and cassettes. But racketeers, involved in an estimated £40 billion a year illegal business, are moving into areas where not only corporate profits and reputations are at risk, so is the health of customers. Fake shampoos masquerading as well-known products and exported to the Middle East have in some cases not worked. Others have turned hair white.

Experts also report cases of counterfeit penicillin missing important ingredients, as well as substandard car and aircraft parts carrying illegally stamped trademarks. The profits from the illegal trade are so high that those involved have the funds and skills to mimic anti-counterfeiting vices very quickly.

Holograms, familiar on cr cards and on some packaging, once seen as the ultimate wea against fakers. But even this high level of protection is b eroded by gangs able to hologram technology.

ICI, with its years of experi in thin film plastics, believe technology could be harnesse the battle against the racketee

Steve Abbott, the research r ager at ICI Imagedata, says: wondered whether we coul something that would be nically difficult for us, would therefore be exceed difficult for the enemy out th

Three years later, they are r to market the film techno which, depending on the tomer's desired level of se can reveal a conventi printed message or one with optically variable Viewed from different ang inks appear to be in di colours, making it diffe even sophisticated colour copies to copy. Dr Abbott company is working on a generation version. "Trying one step ahead is an ur battle," he adds.

Steve Abbott and fake-pro

Several other ideas are developed. Persue, a co based in Melton Mowbray, tershire, has developed a labels that use special chromic inks. When touch finger, one of the label black, allowing Customs cise officers to validate a ment in seconds.

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Sleep patterns, stress and the somnabulist

It is possible to kill while unconscious — but the perils of sleepwalking are not usually as drastic

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Familiar to a strange landscape: *The Echo*, by Paul Delvaux, captures the surrealist nature of the sleeping world

Last week an appeal court upheld a verdict of guilty but insane on a man who had killed a woman while he was "sleepwalking". Barry Douglas Burgess's appeal, on the grounds that he had been suffering from non-insane automatism, was rejected.

The law recognises two types of automatism — insane and non-insane. For a verdict of guilty but insane the automatic behaviour must arise as the symptom of an organic disease, or disease of the mind, such as a brain tumour, dementia, hypoglycaemia, organic psychosis or, more controversially, some forms of epilepsy. In non-insane automatism the patient is suffering from no clearly defined organic disease, but as his higher centres are not controlling his activities there cannot be any intent to kill or maim and the patient is acquitted.

In Lady Macbeth's sleepwalking scene, she does not injure any of those who gather to watch her stalk the corridors of a Scottish castle. Are somnambulists usually so innocuous in sleep, or can many of them be as dangerous as Burgess?

Sleepwalking is rarely due to organic disease. The eyes usually remain open, but they do not recognise people, although the patient may mumble that he or she has no recollection of dreaming, and electroencephalogram readings show a pattern more associated with wakefulness than sleep.

Sleepwalking is more common in childhood, and at any age when the patient is stressed. For the most part, any danger involved is apt to be to the the sleepwalker, who should be woken and gently returned to his or her bed. Precautions have to be taken to ensure that future nocturnal excursions are free of hazard. Beds might be moved away from windows.

Dr Robert Cohen, a consultant psychiatrist in London with an interest in forensic medicine, believes that the legal considerations when a patient has an organic disease are clearly laid down. "The court has a hard task when there is no specific disease, but sleepwalking or automatism is claimed as a defence. These cases are rare, and before reaching a verdict the court has to consider the patient's history — was he previously mild mannered or aggressive, had he a stable personality, was there any previous history of sleepwalking or violence? The sleep rhythm would also be taken into account, as would his general liability."

In Dr Cohen's view, some apparent cases of antisocial actions attributed to sleepwalking, ranging from the obese who raid the refrigerator to the criminally violent, are due to disassociation (either in a state of wakefulness or sleep) — the means by which a patient is able to substitute hysterical symptoms, including memory loss, to remove the guilt of his or her actions.

> *Patients can behave normally, while in a trance*

Violence when half-asleep is another grey area. There is the case of a soldier who was asleep when it was his turn to mount guard, and stabbed to death the colleague who attempted to wake him. The soldier claimed he had seized his bayonet by reflex, and used it when more asleep than awake. The court accepted his explanation, presumably assuming that he was displaying the reflex anger exhibited by children who lash out when roused from a deep sleep.

Narcolepsy, the disturbance of sleep patterns of which sleepwalking may be a minor symptom, is more common than expected, and affects about 35 in every 100,000 people; it is found four times more frequently in men than in women, has a familial tendency and usually starts in late adolescence. Narcolepsy has four major symptoms, and a host of lesser ones. The primary symptoms are a disturbed sleep pattern — patients nod off uncontrollably by day and yet are insomniacs at night — cataplexy, a sudden loss of strength so that they momentarily collapse, and sleep paralysis, a complete loss of muscle strength which afflicts them just before they go to sleep or on awakening. A third of narcoleptics also suffer vivid dreams just before falling asleep. The sleepiness of narcolepsy is characterised by its inappropriateness. The irresistible nature of the urge to sleep may strike while driving or dining, and all too often at the theatre or when listening to an after-dinner speech. The factors conducive to sleep — tiredness, boredom, alcohol — enhance the effect of narcolepsy, a particularly disturbing feature of which is its habit of striking while a person is making love: post-orgasmic sleep may be forgiven, but an earlier manifestation of it is not.

Cataplexy is the loss of all muscle tone, where the patient, overcome by uncontrollable weakness, collapses. It is induced by great emotion — excitement, anger, love or laughter. One well-known banker had his first attack while stroking a potentially winning rowing eight at school. The excitement was too much and his boat never crossed the line. In adulthood he found it made flirting difficult: as tension grew at the dinner-table he was apt to slump in a crumpled heap.

Dr Gareth Llewelyn, senior lecturer in psychiatry at the Maudsley Hospital, London, believes that the trigger is all-important in cataplexy and that the state tends to recur whenever this trigger is activated. "One woman patient, for instance, could be reduced to helpless laughter by a variety of comedians, but only suffered an attack when her sister made her laugh, even if she was on the other end of a telephone."

Sleepwalking, and other forms of automatic behaviour, are grouped among the lesser symptoms of narcolepsy, but can be the most disconcerting. Patients at a social function, or even when driving, can behave normally, although they are in fact in a trance-like state. They only give themselves away when, to their own acute embarrassment they talk nonsense, for they are responding to a conversation in their dreams and not to their companions. Blackout and memory loss also occur in narcoleptics, and may be mistaken for a minor stroke. Treatment is available for narcolepsy and cataplexy; amphetamines and Mazindol, another central nervous system stimulant for narcolepsy, and Anafranil (clomipramine) for cataplexy. Unless the symptoms are fully controlled, driving is not permitted.

Sleepwalking is relatively common in narcoleptics, but is accompanied by vivid dreaming, whereas most sleepwalkers dream less. Fortunately, evidence shows that a narcoleptic is as easily wakened as any sleeper. Unless there is evidence that a woman has resisted attack any violent action is unlikely to have been due to narcolepsy.

THOMAS STUTTAFORD

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Trouble in the wood

NICK MALAND

WHEN David Icke spoke for the Greens rather than God, he reminded us that there was a price to pay for a love of wood, and that putting a mahogany veneer on an 18th century-style television cabinet contributed to the destruction of some distant forest. Environmentalists preach of the global damage done by using hard wood, but there is a hazard to individuals, too — whether they are furniture makers, boat builders, musicians who blow through mouthpieces made of grenadilla wood, or flute players whose instruments are fashioned from cocus ebony.

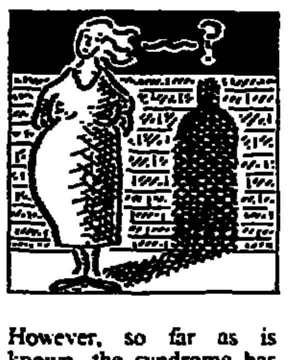
The increased risk woodworkers have of developing eczema, asthma and inflamed runny noses from allergic rhinitis caused by exposure to hardwood dust had been recognised by doctors long before 1908, when Sir Thomas Legge published the standard work on the subject. It took longer to realise that musicians who developed eczema around the mouth or on the fingers were also suffering from contact dermatitis.

The story became more sinister in 1967, when Dr E.D. Acheson showed that cancer of the nasal cavity and sinuses was 17 times more common in the furniture-makers of High Wycombe than in the general population. Today, this cancer occurs in one in 1,500 workers in hard wood, compared with one in 2 million in the rest of the population.

As there can be a 40 year latent period from exposure to development of the cancer, fresh cases dating from the days when dust extraction was rudimentary are still seeking attention. Mr Malcolm Keene, a surgeon at St Bartholomew's hospital, London, says: "Although the precise nature of the tumour, and its presentation, may vary, any doctor who ignores nasal obstruction, recurrent nosebleeds or a bloody nasal discharge in three groups of patients at particular risk of nasopharyngeal cancer — that is, patients of southern Chinese origin, chrome and nickel workers, and workers with hard woods — does so at the patient's peril."

Recently Dr Andrew Sincock described a technique for taking smears from the back of a furniture worker's nose which may enable doctors to screen Britain's 80,000 wood workers at an early stage in the tumour's growth, before they would have symptoms such as might drive them to Mr Keene's outpatients' clinic.

Drink to the baby's health



STAFF in an American restaurant recently served a heavily pregnant woman with a glass of beer, but only after delivering a homily and pointing out the surgeon-general's warning on the bottle about the dangers of alcohol. The incident resulted in an avalanche of litigation. The mother, who was already overdue, thirsty and tired, seems to have interpreted the waiter's action as sanctimonious, impudent and an infringement of her liberty. The bar staff felt they were protecting the foetus and determining restaurant policy. Theoretically, it would be expected that foetal alcohol syndrome (short stature, low intellect, a small, pixie-like face and an increased risk of congenital heart disease) would be most likely to follow heavy drinking in the early stages of pregnancy. An evening's heavy drinking by women who were unaware that they were pregnant would, it might be expected, from time to time result in damaged babies. However, so far as is known, the syndrome has been diagnosed with certainty only in the children of women who have persistently drunk to excess. Common sense dictates that heavy drinkers should allow themselves a period of abstinence before they conceive, so that their metabolism has a chance to right itself. Women should restrict their alcohol intake to the light social category once they have become pregnant, or even contemplate pregnancy. But they should also be told that if, on an occasion, they have unwittingly drunk too much before their pregnancy was confirmed there is no evidence that it would have damaged the baby.

Good news for men

MIDDLE-AGED men, worried by the report in Monday's *Times* that American research workers had demonstrated that women's brains atrophy less quickly than men's, can take heart: a Scottish study a few years ago showed the reverse. The Scottish writers, perhaps fortunately women, contended that female brains began to shrivel earlier, about the age of 40, whereas the decline started in men around 50; thereafter they shrank at the same rate but men retained the initial advantage until the age of 80.

More recent good news for men comes from *Age and Ageing*, which reports that the work by Dr Stephen Iliffe, of the Whittington hospital, London, suggests that elderly male drinkers score better in intelligence tests than non-drinkers and that more than 96 per cent of them keep within the strict drinking limits recommended by the BMA. Perhaps socially aware waiters will now press tired, older men to have a glass of beer.

'Just a virus' is a common diagnosis, and one we may be about to hear more often

A plague on all our houses?

The dog breeder was alarmed to discover that her painful symptoms — similar to those of rheumatoid arthritis — were attributable to a parvoviruswhich she had heard of in dogs. And there were red faces at a holiday camp last month when guests learnttheir rosy cheeks were not due to ruddy health but to the "slapped cheek" virus, Parvo-19.

The mother who believed her son's stomach cramps were caused by something he had eaten was surprised to hear that other children had experienced the same syndrome for more than a week. They had been told by the school doctor that a nameless virus was to blame and that nothing could be done.

The Times recently reported on a study published in the *British Medical Journal* which found evidence of "persistent infection by enteroviruses" in the muscles of sufferers of ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis), which has been scorned by many as a malady with psychological, rather than physiological, causes. So are we in the midst of a viral invasion — or are viruses simply an excuse for avoiding work and an easy diagnosis by overworked GPs?

This has been a harsh winter of Influenza-B, a new hepatitis virus (Hepatitis-C) has been identified, and the Aids virus (HIV) has continued to demonstrate its devastating ability to mutate and defy treatment.

But some doctors suggest that the new, "entrepreneurial" National Health Service, which came into effect this week, will mean less likelihood of diagnosing obscure viral infections. Dr John Kurtz, a consultant virologist at the John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford, says: "With a set budget, virology will come quite far down the list. As it is, lots of things are put down to viruses when GPs can't think of anything else to label them."

Since there are few effective anti-viral drugs (because, as Dr Kurtz explains, they must be specifically targeted to prevent the virus from replicating without affecting healthy cells), and since most viruses disappear after a comparatively short time, this may make economic sense.

Pets: dogged by controversy

But might it not pave the way for a plague of viruses, real and imagined? Viruses account for 30 per cent of the cases seen by a GP, says Donald Jeffries, the professor of virology at St Bartholomew's hospital, London. Certain conditions can be caused either by a virus or by bacteria. "Bacterial meningitis can be treated — but is much more severe. The viral one doesn't need treatment and will usually pass off on its own," Dr Kurtz says. But the wrong diagnosis can be fatal.

Susceptibility to viruses depends to a considerable degree on the state of the immune system at the time — which is why one person may be devastated by a cold while another is relatively unaffected by it.

There is some dispute as to whether viruses transmit between species. "There is a species barrier," Professor Jeffries says. "But there are infections which can extend to animals and humans — such as yellow fever and rabies — and certain parasitic and bacterial infections can be transmitted."

The parvovirus strains that affect humans are as different from the virus of the same name that affects dogs as the cat leukaemia virus is from the one associated with human T-cell leukaemia, and pet owners should not become paranoid, he says.

Dr James Dunlop, the director of public health for Hull is not convinced. "Twenty years ago they said paratyphoid did not go to animals, yet we had a case in Yorkshire where the septic tank of a woman infected with paratyphoid overflowed into the stream from which cattle drank and infected the cows, which passed the disease on through their milk to humans. They're splitting hairs to say viruses cannot be transmitted between species: it's just our state of knowledge now."

Professor Jeffries believes that "there's the capability to eradicate on a global basis several critically important infections as we have already done with smallpox: hepatitis B, measles and polio, for example. They are within our grasp because they are exclusively human viruses."

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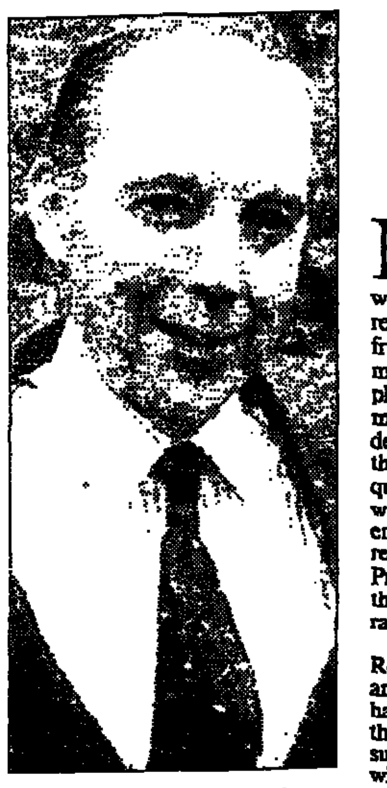

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Anthony Parsons blames anti-imperialist paranoia for a totally unjustified prison sentence

Spy? Cooper is Iran's true friend

News from the Middle East does not often give me unalloyed pleasure. But my whole family shares the joy and relief of Roger Cooper's family and friends. Five years and four months is a long time. Happily, his physical appearance and comments on arrival at Heathrow demonstrated, as we all expected, that no one could have been better qualified to endure such an ordeal with aplomb and sang-froid apparently unimpaired. Moreover, his release is further evidence that President Rafsanjani has gained the ascendancy over the more radical elements in Iran.

The Iranian accusation that Roger was a spy is absurd to anyone who knows him well. I have been racking my brains to think of someone less suited to such a role. Indeed, Roger is, if he will forgive this analysis, unemployable in the world of espionage: too conspicuous, too independent-minded, too gregarious, too outspoken, too reluctant to do what he is told without question. But his comment that to an Iranian mind he fitted the profile of a spy is pertinent and goes to the heart of the complexities of Britain's relationship with Iran.

Iranians are as a rule acute sufferers from that well-known 20th-century disease, post-imperial paranoia. This is not surprising. For more than a century up to the 1950s, Britain manipulated Iranian domestic politics, dominated Iranian foreign policy, monopolised Iranian oil and, from time to time, invaded the country (most recently in 1941, when we stayed four years). In 1919, Lord Curzon (still remembered in Iran if largely forgotten here) attempted to persuade the Iranian government to accept a treaty which would have reduced the country to a British protectorate in all but name.

So Britain's hidden hand became a feature of Iranian political folklore: the legend has persisted long after Britain's world role diminished, and successive British governments and diplomats have tried to put the relationship on a more normal footing. For example, I recall the late Shah telling me repeatedly during the 1978 revolution that the people believed that "If you lifted up Khomeini's beard, you would find 'Made in England' written under his chin." He half-believed this nonsense himself, in spite of my protestations that Anglo-Iranian relations had prospered as never before under his rule, and that the Ayatollah was demonstrably no admirer of Britain. Furthermore, the people who suspected us of backing Khomeini were also accusing us of blind support for the Shah.

In this labyrinth of suspicion and double-think, nothing is straightforward, nothing accepted at face value. The notion that an Iranian would learn our language, study our culture and live and work in England because he or she wanted to is not strange to us. The reverse is not the case. To Iranians it is improbable, to say the least, that Roger Cooper learned Persian, studied Iranian culture and lived and worked in Tehran outside the expatriate community simply because he liked the people and the country. There must have been an ulterior motive: obviously he was a spy.

With all this in mind, my heart sank when Roger was arrested more than five years ago. I never doubted that he would re-emerge, but family and friends could not do much more than keep in touch, ensure that he was not forgotten and remain ready to exploit any opening that might accelerate his release. Given his background, it was inevitable that his case would become enmeshed in the labyrinth not only of Anglo-Iranian relations but of Iranian internal politics as well.

Roger is at last free. The truth is that he is and always has been as good a friend to Iran and as effective a publicist for Iran as that country could hope to have. To immure him in prison for more than five years was a curious return for his affections. But Roger is the last person in the world to bear malice, even for what he has suffered. My hope is that Iranians will at last realise that we British changed our spots years ago. All we want is a normal relationship with Iran; "British imperialism", with all its connotations, exists now only in Iranian minds.

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Rafsanjani: in the ascendant

Daniel Johnson assesses Graham Greene, lifelong student of mankind's evil

Whisky priest of the novel

Graham Greene was not a Catholic novelist, though he would dearly like to have been one. He appears to have died, as he had certainly lived for most of his 86 years, in a state of something very like despair.

Despair is not a subjective mood, but an objective fact: the knowledge that there is no hope, that there is no God. To recognize despair is, as Pascal understood, the first step in overcoming it. Greene never seems to have got further; perhaps not even that far. His novels are merciless anatomies of mankind, but their intimations of immortality are no more than cruel hoaxes.

Greene's mainspring was not theological, but moral. In worldly matters incomparably successful, bridging the gap between highbrow and popular fiction better than all his gifted contemporaries, Greene was nevertheless defeated by the task he set himself in life: to solve the problem of evil to his own satisfaction. The God who makes the gramophone needle stick at the end of *Brighton Rock*, preventing Pinkie's widow from hearing her dead husband's terrible curse, is a *deus ex machina*.

Frustrated in his task of explaining evil, Greene was increasingly attracted to it, in the form of villainous idealists, such as the dictators of Panama and Nicaragua or the spy Philby. Hence the late works, such as *Dr Fischer of Geneva* and *Monsignor Quixote*, are slight parables, meditations on injustice which skim over the depths of his earlier investigations of depravity.

Greene did indeed prove to himself that there was no explanation of evil this side of the grave. He failed to convince himself, though he persuaded countless readers, that he saw anything more beyond the grave than "a certain mystery". That, of course, was something. Without the church, which he came increasingly to despise under Karol Wojtyla's papacy, it was no more than the vague decency of his whisky priests.

In a late interview with *The Tablet*, Greene came close to disclaiming any more specifically Christian, let alone Catholic, faith. He described his one mystical experience, attending a Mass said by the Italian stigmatic Padre Pio in 1949. The Mass lasted an hour longer than the novelist had supposed. That was all. He passed up an invitation to meet the holy man: "I might have lost the person I loved." Pride sustained him far more effectively than faith could ever have done.

Greene found his vocation as an all-but-nihilist early in his career, and he stuck to it. Rather than transfiguring doctrine, the theological motifs which enchanted critics and admirers alike cannibalised it. His most memorable divine comedies are parodies of Christian morality.

When in *The Third Man* Greene's murderous profiteer declaims a Nietzschean contempt for humanity as he looks down on the ruins of Vienna, it is a moment of truth surpassing any of the scriptwriter's attempts to express the Catholic themes of sin and redemption in novels such as *The Power and the Glory*.

His lifelong quest to reconcile a perverse yearning for the comforts of Catholicism with a far less ironical penchant for atheistic ideologies led him to denounce the church ever more vehemently as he grew older. He was attracted to the this-worldly eschatology and utopianism of the liberation theologians of Latin America far more than to the timeless verities of Vatican encyclicals.

Greene's life shows how amoral the novelist must be in practice, whatever his books may say. The opportunist of innocence, the scavenger of squalor, more parasite than proselyte, the modern novelist exists in the cavities of society. His hero is the priest who administers the sacraments more often in a state of intoxication than of grace. The only hero left is the anti-hero.

Perhaps the novelist can no longer grapple with the phenomenon of evil, as Dostoyevsky and Thomas Mann once could. The phenomenon has outgrown the phenomenologist. Graham Greene, the last of the century's great moralists who still sought moral enlightenment in the novel, bequeaths no solutions.

We can only look and weep

Moral dilemmas beset us on all sides, writes **Bernard Levin**, but none is so acute as the plight of the Kurds

I do not have the ear of the Almighty, and I shrink from guessing His plans for this world; but there must be a file somewhere in the heavenly archives marked "Total destruction by Fire / Brimstone / Plague / Flood / Great Beast / Other", and I have an uneasy feeling He may be about to blow the dust off it.

If so, it will be not only the wickedness that invokes the ultimate wrath; after all, evil was allowed for in the original design, when we were given choice. But the *madness* — has there ever been a time when so much of it has stalked the world? — may be enough to put Operation Last Days into motion.

If you were God, what else would you do when you came upon the picture from Australia, published in the *Telegraph*, of a vast throng of sheep — many thousands of them — lined up to be shot and their carcasses abandoned? It seems that fattening the beasts and taking them to market would fetch so little that the farmers would be out of pocket, so it is better to kill them and let them rot. The previous day the same newspaper had been estimating the number of millions of human beings who will shortly die of starvation in the Horn of Africa, but it is not essential to combine the two stories; the madness of the Australian cull can stand alone as a symbol of what the human race has done with God's promise. I am sorry that Graham Greene did not live another day to see the picture; my admiration for him was greatly restrained, not least because of his flabby Soviet fellow-travelling, but he was a dab hand at moral dilemmas in his novels, and somebody ought to be endowing a chair of them (the dilemmas, not the novels) in his memory.

There are enough to choose from, these days. Did we not cheer — I more loudly than anybody — when the Soviet Union began to crumble? The crumbling goes on apace, but there is no food in the shops and no money to buy it if there were: go tell the people to eat freedom. For that matter, I was well to the fore when it came to cheering the collapse of Yugoslavia, but I do not think that civil war will greatly improve things there. As for South Africa, where one-man one-vote is on the way, blacks now slaughter blacks in such numbers that there may be no adults left to do the voting when the great day dawns. And here is a story, every month the number of people with Aids increases by 10,000, while experts claim that the world total of those suffering the condition is well over a million, and those who register HIV positive are numbered between nine and eleven million; how splendid, brave and right, only a few years ago, was the sweeping away of all sexual and other restraints that hampered people's pleasure!

But if the Graham Greene Chair of Moral Dilemmas comes about, the very first course in the subject must be the consequences of the Gulf war, and in particular the plight of the Kurds. There will be three papers in the degree exam, viz., the plight itself; what should or could be done about it; and what we feel. Today's lecture will concentrate on the third.

Many of the despatches and photographs that journalists have been sending back from Iraq are among the most terrible of our times; to see the like of Saddam's genocidal killing you have to go back to the indiscriminate and relentless slaughter by Pol Pot and his Khmer Rouge.

That, however, only lays down the things about which we are to have feelings. I assume that we are not, as individuals, in a position to save any Kurd; at least very few of us are. (I think that anyone safely in a position to kill Saddam, and who does not embrace the philosophy of complete non-violence, ought to think seriously about doing so; come to think of it, what do the operatives of Mossad do for their wages?)

If we can do nothing to alleviate the plight of these hideously persecuted people, are we not hypocritical in weeping over them? After all, throughout all history abominable deeds have been done to the innocent and helpless; Saddam's revenge for his defeat is worse than most, but there are many such people hardly better off. Can we spend our entire time weeping? Or rather: how much time have we spent weeping for other victims? If the answer is little or none, what provokes the tears now, and whatever it is, are we not, as we weep for the Kurds, really expiating *our* guilt for *not* weeping at the slaughtered Cambodians?

That may be too crude; let us refine it a little. No sorrow excludes any other. If we shrugged off the dead Cambodians, not from indifference but from inability to do anything about them, we are not precluded from feeling pain at the plight of the Kurds. Indeed, we may each have a threshold of weeping; the tears refused before are now ready to fall.

Here, though, is a trap. Newspaper people say one picture is worth a dozen stories, and it is true. No one who has seen the photograph of the little boy from the Warsaw ghetto, his hands up, his overcoat neatly buttoned and his flat cap on his head, being driven along with the crowd to a terrible death, will ever forget it. The same is true of the picture of the member of the Vietcong being shot in cold blood. When the close-ups of mounds of slaughtered Kurds arrive, what shall we do, other than remember them always? But why did we wait to see the horror before we could respond emotionally?

Peter Brookes after Wm Blake
KURDS

Am I, or am I not, my brother's keeper? If I am there will be many times when he is in trouble and I am unable to help him, though I would wish to. What can I do then? I can grieve; but it is his grief that is central to the argument, not mine. If the Kurds are our brothers, and we cannot help them, what price fraternity? Suppose someone who felt very deepl the plight of the Kurds and t demonstrate his fellow-feelin shaved his head, shut himself u in a cage and fasted for a fortnigh if the Kurds heard about it, woul it comfort them? I imagine no But what if they never knew th gesture had been made; is wasted?

That, surely, is the crux. Th materialist view is that to exu sympathy into the world, witho a name and address on it, useless, indeed meaningless. Bu the rest of us know that the worl can feel goodness even as it ca feel evil. Almost all of the tim almost all of us are impotent t affect the course of history. Bu unless we practise an unwaverin solipsism (it is possible), we ar for good or ill, members one o another. Why do we mourn besid the graves of our loved ones though we know they cannot hea us? Why do we concern ourselve with events in Borrioboola-Gha Well, why did the Creator give u pain? Because all flesh *is* grass; an the only way to cheat death (unles you can write the Ninth Symphony) is to touch, metaphoricall or literally, another hand, befor passing on into the night. I can d nothing for the Kurds, but if i comes to that I can do nothing fo the five sparrows which were sol for two farthings. Yet they hav had the last word.

...and moreover

CLEMENT FREUD

There was something distinctly suspicious about Mrs White: she drank gin, secreted silver spoons about her person and kept a cache of *objets d'art* in a carrier-bag beneath her bed . . . which may be par for the course in respect of an elderly cook i/c downstairs of a country mansion, but she took a chopping knife to a mound of sausagemeat. A real cook would not do that.

And *I* was less than entirely happy about Miss Scarlet: an ill-dressed vamp who tried to get the Professor to kiss her in exchange for a spanner; she helped Colonel Mustard to fit a silencer to his revolver and gave the window-cleaner a hard time when she suspected him of rifling her drawers.

The Colonel was agreeable enough, though he appeared to be having it off with Miss Scarlet and her stepmother. He found a painting among the junk of the church bazaar, looked at it with care, re-examined it through a glass and told Mrs Peacock that it was a Turner; he would put money on it.

"*The* Turner?" asked Mrs P.

The Colonel nodded, thought it would be worth six figures. They kissed. Later the window-cleaner came in and suggested that he and the Colonel might do a deal. Later still we found out that the picture had in fact been by *a* Turner rather than *the* Turner.

Professor Plum was a poor example of his calling, unlikely occupant of a chair at any seat of learning, though he and the Reverend Green played chess at a speed at which other people play snap. At one point the Prof told the Rev to mind his manners unless he wanted the business of the missing church funds to re-emerge, at which Green reminded Plum about the Old People's Holiday Fund money which had gone awol. The academic went into a twitching routine.

When the window-cleaner passed and said: "Hello Professor," poor Plum snapped: "How did you know my name?" Perhaps he had forgotten that the scene opened with the window-cleaner greeting the Professor with those self-same words.

I liked Green; a confirmed bachelor to go with a new brand of Church of England permissiveness, he appeared in Mrs White's kitchen bearing an African spear, then told Plum he remembered the window-cleaner from a previous occasion when the young man had been a police officer investigating a crime (his); it looked as if his days of jumble sales and embezzlement were numbered.

Which left Mrs Peacock, an altogether more complex character: stepmother of Miss Scarlet, mistress of Mustard, champion of the toping turnspit. It transpired that it was she who had engaged the ex-policeman to cover as a window-cleaner and monitor villainies at The Grange. They had a row; "You do the work for which I pay you," she blazed at him. A hard woman, that. Then there was a noise — a single, muffled thump. And the Reverend came by to say: "There's been a bit of an accident", by which we were to understand that the window-cleaner was dead.

It didn't surprise me. The sensitive young man must have been distressed by the many people who had taken against him: the cook because he identified her pilfering, Scarlet who had told him to keep off or else, Green and Plum, concerned about the rummaging into their shady pasts, Mustard and the fake Turner, then the row with Mrs Peacock; these things mount up. I plumped for suicide. A bit devious, you might think, but having watched what went on and assessed the characters of the occupants of The Grange I concluded that murder was not a deed of which any of the wimps in question was capable.

They said suicide was not an option. It had been murder. What we, the celebrity panel of Granada TV's *Cluedo*, must do is elicit the location in which the foul deed had been perpetrated, the weapon used and the identity of the assailant.

The suspects sat across the stage from us investigators. Had I been given the use of a cell and permission to keep them without food or sleep for 48 hours, I would have ended up with six water-tight confessions. As we had only three questions each, I began to understand how the West Midlands CID had felt.

Readers eager to learn the outcome will have to go into the sitting room one Wednesday evening in May — I cannot be more precise — and press 3 on their remote control units.

My last words are in the post

Even in his last few days, Graham Greene was writing to Norman Sherry, the man he once described as his "*doppelgänger*", to try to ensure completion of his biography before his death. Greene was initially appalled by the prospect of being the subject of such a tome, but changed his mind as his health deteriorated. Sherry says: "I gather there are still letters in the post from his hospital bed in Geneva. He always wanted to die with his pen in his hand."

When the two men met 17 years ago, Greene reluctantly agreed to authorise Sherry's biography, the first volume of which was published in 1989. Sherry has written 500 pages of his second volume and expects to publish the completed work next year. But Greene exacted a high price, insisting that Sherry retrace his steps in all the various travels featured in his books. "Unless you see you cannot know," Greene told him. "He called me his *doppelgänger* because I followed his tracks all over the world."

Greene eventually had second thoughts, because at almost every port of call Sherry was struck down with illness. "For God's sake don't let Norman go to the Congo; he's bound to become mortally ill there," he once wrote to a mutual friend. Vietnam, Cuba and a leper colony are the only outstanding trips for Sherry to keep his side of the bargain.

Of all his encounters with his subject, one stands out. "We were in a pub in Berkhamsted when the barman asked: 'Are you Graham Greene?' He hated public recognition, so he turned to me and told the barman *I* was." The biographer was immediately given a whisky and soda on the house, while the real Graham Greene was ignored for the rest of the evening.

THE TIMES DIARY

● *Let no one say the Conservatives are insufficiently interested in green issues. If the "Vote Evans" posters in today's Neath by-election have a slightly dog-eared look, it is for the soundest environmental reasons. The party has recycled posters from the Ribble Valley by-election, where the Tory candidate was Nigel Evans, in support of Richard Evans at Neath. The posters will be carefully taken down after today's poll, for use in the forthcoming Monmouth by-election. The Tory candidate there? Roger Evans.*

Theatre of brutality

The Lithuanian Conservatoire Theatre can hardly be accused of lacking verisimilitude. The company has just arrived in Britain to stage its production of a play based on the cat-and-mouse games the KGB played with the Soviet Jewish writer Daniel Kharms before murdering him in 1942.

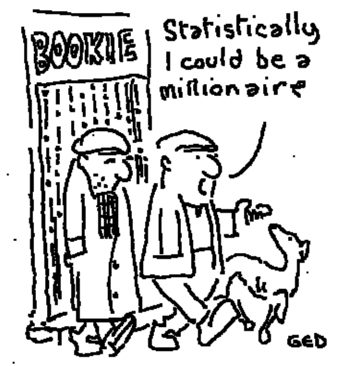
Director Jonas Vaitkus has fortunately escaped a similar fate, but is organising the tour with his head swathed in bandages after being severely beaten by the KGB before leaving Vilnius. "This is typical of what is happening to the Lithuanian people," he says. "I think the Moscow authorities want to provoke us, to make us angry and start a fight."

Later this year the play is to be produced in Kiev. Vaitkus is considering kitting out the entire cast with crash-helmets.

Final analysis

The warden of Wadham College, Oxford, who recently launched a public assault on declining educational standards, has a fascinating explanation of why his own college has plummeted in the league table of finals results.

Using considerable statistical sleight of hand, he reassuringly explains that the decline is not nearly as bad as it seems. "This year we were fourteenth in the Norrington Table, but if only four of our six Thirds had been awarded Firsts we would have maintained the position of fifth that we have held for the last three years," he writes in the latest issue of the college gazette. "On the other hand, if four of our Firsts had got Thirds, then we would have dropped to seventeenth."



BOOKIE
Statistically I could be a millionaire
GED

Not for nothing did the college appoint Sir Claus Moser to be warden. As chief statistician to the Wilson government, he set up the Central Office of Statistics.

Travellers' fare

A row is about to erupt in Liverpool over the use of public money by six Militant-supporting Labour councillors for a trip to London to lobby Labour's national executive committee against their expulsion.

Officially, the all-expenses-paid outing was to attend a ceremony in the Speaker's apartment at the Commons to confer the freedom of the city on Eric Heffer, who was too ill to go to Liverpool. But the six travelled ahead of the official party to heckle Neil Kinnock at a meeting of the NEC that set in train moves to strip them of party membership. Sue Hogan, one of the six, is unrepentant. "We would have preferred an invitation direct from the NEC, but as none arrived we decided to make a detour before Eric's ceremony. I think he would have approved."

The shenanigans did not finish there. Trevor Smith, Liverpool's deputy mayor, and a number of fellow Labour councillors left the reception with carrier bags filled with food and bottles of champagne. The mayor, Dorothy Gavin, was appalled and made her views plain to Smith in full view of other passengers as they waited to board their train at Euston station. Smith says: "We only took the food because the journey was so long and because we did not want it to go to waste. The mayor thought we had shown up the city and the Labour party."

The whole unedifying affair is due to be raised at the next council meeting. On the day of the ceremony, which cost the city an estimated £10,000, the council voted to axe 600 jobs in an attempt to ease its latest budget deficit.

● *Old Cliftonian Roger Cooper's quip that anyone who has been to public school and served in the army can take a Third World prison in his stride echoes John Mortimer's observation that it is never public school boys who weep in the dock but East End street villains who have never before been away from home. Mortimer also tells of a PoW working on the Japanese Burma railway who saw an old school friend among the new arrivals. "Cheer up, Charles, it's not as bad as Marlborough." was his comforting greeting.*

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

SAVING THE KURDS

No sooner were the people of Kuwait released from occupation by the forces of President Saddam Hussein than other subject peoples of Iraq, Kurdish and Shia, found themselves in a similar inferno. The Kurds, who had some 4,000 of their villages razed by Saddam only three years ago and were viciously gassed, are proving especially vulnerable. Their fears of Iraqi brutality are based on bitter experience. Hence the panic-stricken exodus of thousands of people toward Syria, Iran and, above all, Turkey.

Military action that might have defended Kurdistan from the Baghdad regime existed only in the minds of those far distant from that benighted land, not in the realm of practicality. The urgent need now is for a huge humanitarian effort.

Turkey and Iran, as the states adjacent to northern Iraq, have a simple humanitarian responsibility to these refugees. Iran is already burdened with tens of thousands of Shias who fled across the border from the Republican guards in southern Iraq. Turkey is clearly reluctant to increase the separatist aspirations of its own Kurdish minority. That is too bad. Ankara must relent from its intransigence, order its troops not to shoot at the refugees, and set up proper camps. If Turkey has any doubts about this, it should remember its oft-expressed desire to be judged by European standards.

The UN must play its part, both in providing relief for the victims and in putting pressure on Baghdad to halt the slaughter. The question is, how? President Mitterrand yesterday gave his answer: there should be a UN resolution, condemning Iraqi atrocities and maintaining sanctions until Saddam's troops stop behaving abominably. The British and American response to this was cool. They see great obstacles to obtaining security council unanimity for such a resolution. The present ceasefire resolution has taken over a month to draft. It is likely to be the last for some time. To enter at this stage into protracted negotiations on incorporating the Kurdish issue into the resolution would be unrealistic. A UN relief effort must not be delayed.

Organising a relief effort is more tractable, even if the logistics are complex. But the Gulf conflict has created refugee problems before, notably last autumn when thousands of Asian refugees poured into Jordan from Iraq and Kuwait. The relief agencies should have absorbed the lessons of coping with that flood of unwilling travellers. The Kurds are in a worse state: the Asians who fled to Jordan had not been bombed and shelled.

In addition to relieving the plight of Saddam's Kurdish victims, the international community must find new ways of forcing the Iraqi leader to stop what appear to be genocidal attacks his own population with the huge arsenal at his disposal, including armour, warplanes and helicopter gunships. Saddam is clearly aware that international opinion does impose some constraints on him. His failure to use poison gas, either against the coalition or against the Kurds, seems to reflect this awareness.

Sanctions imposed on 6 August remain in place. If amending Resolution 661 to require Saddam to stop persecuting his Kurds or Shia Muslims is impractical, the UN should remind Baghdad forcibly that 661, and indeed the other UN resolutions on the Gulf crisis, refer repeatedly to the need to maintain international peace and security in the region.

Hundreds of thousands of Kurdish refugees are gathering on Iraq's borders and confronting Turkish troops. Their plight is an international issue as well as an international outrage. The UN, the European Community, the American and the British governments must devote themselves both to the starving, dying refugees and to all feasible sanctions that might curb Saddam's excesses.

ABUSE OF SOCIAL WORK

The truth of the Orkney child abuse allegations is now a matter for Sheriff David Kelbie, who yesterday began hearing evidence at Kirkwall sheriff court. Other recent cases concerning alleged child abuse have raised serious doubts about current social work practice. These doubts apply not just to social workers but to all professionals charged with caring for people "at risk".

Blaming the social worker when something has gone wrong is the easiest way for the community to wash its hands of responsibility. Sometimes this is fair. The children in some of the earlier abuse cases, notably those in Rochdale last year, turned out to be victims not of ritual abuse but of professional caution. "Defensive social work" is analogous to "defensive medicine" in America. It means professionals taking the action least likely to lead to accusations of negligence, despite the harm which might thereby be done to others.

Diagnosing the sexual abuse of children is desperately hard. Some children have been removed from their family homes because the local social services department judges them to be at risk from it; and sometimes the form of abuse alleged is what has become known as ritual or "satanic" abuse. The general policy of the social work profession, dealing with such allegations, is to err on the side of caution. But the consequences of being wrong may be much less severe to the social work professional than to the individuals concerned.

In the Rochdale case last year, social workers appeared to have acted over-zealously. Had they been less fearful of public opinion, they would have treated the suspicion of abuse more sceptically. For fear of missing a possible case of sexual abuse, children's allegations against adults were taken more or less at face value. While the decision to declare a child at risk and remove it from its family "just in case" may not legally imply guilt on the part of the adults, that is how distressed and indignant parents are bound to react. They feel they have to prove their innocence.

Possible injustice to parents is compounded. Not having been formally accused, they cannot be formally acquitted. Children may be taken into care even when the police do not have enough (or any) evidence with which to prosecute. To wrench a child from its home and put it into care, isolated from its family, is itself a threat to that child's well-being. If it is done partly to shelter a social worker from subsequent criticism, then the interest of the professional is being given more weight than the interest of the child.

The social workers' best defence is to follow scrupulously the Butler-Sloss guidelines for handling child abuse, as good ones now do. But the guidelines were made in the light of the Cleveland cases, as long ago as 1987. Social workers now need further guidance, warning them that far-fetched "indications" of satanic abuse should be treated with extreme caution.

The public cannot have it both ways. The community excoriates social workers who make mistakes of judgment, even where mistakes were honestly motivated by a concern not to break up families and thus further damage children. Every mistake nowadays is publicised and the professional involved pilloried not just by the media but by judges and politicians. Yet where the professional errs the other way, as in Cleveland and Rochdale, similar excoriation is forthcoming. The answer is that professionals are appointed to exercise judgment as between extremes, in response to social, medical, legal or even moral choices. They will be criticised if they make mistakes. They must be robust enough to withstand that criticism. But the criticism must be informed by an awareness of how hard their judgments are to make.

NURSING AN IMAGE

Ever since "the lady with the lamp" moved silently between beds mopping fevered brows in Scutari Barracks Hospital, nurses have had worries over their image. The cause of their worry is not the usual one. Nurses are good, kind and wonderful. They represent the Victorian ideal of gentle caring femininity brought only slightly up to date. They have even turned the language of compassion — tender loving care — into the jargon of TLC. In this image lies romance, the nurse as pliant handmaid to the handsome doctor.

Nurses are human. While basking in the positive side of such a picture, they kick against the negative. The Royal College of Nursing, celebrating its 75th anniversary today, has decided to "change the image". The media still fail to treat nurses as professionals, the college claims. Its general secretary, Christine Hancock, says that the portrayal of nurses by television and radio producers "can only undermine the many professional advances nursing has made in recent years". Because of the media 70 per cent of respondents to a survey marking the anniversary thought nurses were caring and sympathetic, but were "victims, and second best to doctors".

Victims they might once have been, but surely no longer. Margaret Thatcher did for nurses (and policemen) what Labour did for miners. Nursing militancy over the past decade never lost public support. It eventually led to the clinical regrading exercise that has transformed nursing as a career. Now the conveniences of career breaks, job-sharing and creches — necessary for a modern profession nine-tenths of which is female — are beginning to arrive. A good nurse a few years after qualifying can be earning up to £15,000 a year with London weighting; those in charge of her can be nearing £20,000. The improvement in conditions has reduced a universal shortage to a patchy one, but nursing is still a seller's market. The private sector offers enough competition to keep the NHS (with 300,000 out of the national total of 580,000 qualified nurses) on its toes as an employer.

What irks nurses is that better pay and professional status have not been reflected in changed public perception. They lack the standing to go with the pay. There is some justice in this. All professions suffer from stereotyping; nurses can at least be thankful that their stereotype is inherently attractive. But one cause is nearer home than the media stereotype. Nurses live and work alongside doctors, who are jealous of their status and keen that nurses should continue in their shadow. It is the doctors' tight hold on medicine they should be challenging.

There is no reason why arrangements for the treatment of the sick should require two sharply demarcated and parallel professions, one mainly male, one mainly female. Nurses should work to dissolve the barriers between the two professions, to push across the no-man's-land between them, assuming ever more paramedical skills without having to retrain from the bottom. It is sad comment on the medical service in Britain that only a tiny handful of nurses graduate to general practice. If every private has a field marshal's baton in his pack, the student nurse should be able to aim for the job of brain surgeon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Call to act over Iraqi oppression

From Dr David Owen, MP for Plymouth, Devonport (Social Democrat)

Sir, On March 1 I wrote in your newspaper an article entitled, "Sealing Saddam's fate". It said:

> We chose not to surround Saddam's bunker, to demand he come out with his hands up, or be blown up. We must therefore now ensure that this does not prove to be the single largest mistake of what has otherwise been a brilliantly conducted operation. It is our duty to make it impossible for Saddam to continue in power.

Sadly the horror of what is happening in Iraqi Kurdistan has shown how dire a mistake it has been to allow Saddam Hussein to remain in power. Unless we act decisively now, the allied forces in southern Iraq will soon look like the Red Army outside Warsaw in 1944, cynically waiting and watching while the German SS exterminated those involved in the uprising.

If the UN is unable to act to ensure humanitarian aid because of a Soviet or Chinese veto then the US, UK and France should declare that we intend to ensure that humanitarian aid is flown in for the Kurds, if need be under military escort, and that we will augment existing transport to ensure that the aid is delivered to the Kurdish people.

Our three governments should also say now that we will exercise our veto power in the Security Council to ensure that sanctions are not lifted while Saddam Hussein remains in power and that we will insist that he is extradited to stand trial for war crimes under the 1949 Geneva Conventions.

Honour demands nothing less.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID OWEN,
House of Commons.
April 3.

Morale in the NHS

From Mr D. L. Crosby and others

Sir, Professor Calne and colleagues (April 1) describe a gloomy scene and dismal prospects for the attempts at improved management in the NHS. We have also suffered from problems of closed wards and many other constraints on our abilities to care for patients. However, in our case, this makes us anxious to have an opportunity to control available resources.

We do not believe it is a realistic option to carry on with a system where "no one has any idea what anything really costs". Many of the difficulties in which the NHS now finds itself are the result of this.

The alternative solution of simply providing more money has not proved very effective in the past. Most of it seems to go on increased pay, shorter working hours, and underwriting inefficient working practices.

We are therefore keen to give the proposed reforms an opportunity to succeed and are less pessimistic about the future.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID CROSBY (Consultant surgeon),
J. H. JONES (Consultant physician),
B. S. D. SASTRY (Consultant geriatrician),
University Hospital of Wales,
Heath Park, Cardiff,
South Glamorgan.
April 2.

Assessment of pupils

From Mr George Crowther

Sir, Mrs Deane's belief (March 27) in the power of national curriculum tests to gauge children's achievement and hence the quality of teaching is commendable. People in the testing industry would say, however, that belief is not enough. Tests, if they are to be of any value, must meet certain criteria of administrative reliability and validity.

Given that these yardsticks are satisfied, and there is serious doubt that they will be in the national curriculum tests, it remains unfair to infer quality of teaching on the basis of the results.

Moderate teachers will produce outstanding results in Barnet and Harrow. Outstanding teachers will produce moderate results in Hackney, Lambeth, Southwark and Tower Hamlets.

I am, yours faithfully,
GEORGE CROWTHER (Consultant educational psychologist),
Little Hill, Colley Manor Drive,
Reigate Heath, Reigate, Surrey.
March 28.

Teachers defended

From Mr P. H. Jeffery

Sir, Your leader ("NUT's death wish", April 1) is misguided in suggesting that local education authorities should sack teachers guilty of boycotting the testing of seven-year-olds. Dr Burgoyne (also April 1) sums up the problem very well when he says that the tests are ponderous and pointless. Teachers are merely (and rather belatedly) showing common sense.

The government should never have enshrined the national curriculum in law in the first place – a case of the law, indeed, being an ass if ever there was one.

Yours etc.,
PETER JEFFERY (Headmaster),
Aldwickbury School,
Wheathampstead Road,
Harpenden, Hertfordshire.
April 1.

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Case for increasing rate-support grant

From Dr Keith Hampson, MP for Leeds North West (Conservative)

Sir, I hesitate to join the unseemly squabbling of former cabinet ministers, but as one who for many years argued that the only way to make the rates (and certainly a poll tax) acceptable was to increase the percentage of central support for local government by transferring education to the Exchequer, I do not recall Nicholas Ridley ("Lawson killed my baby", March 27) at any time pressing the case for a higher RSG (rate-support grant).

On the contrary, he always seemed to make a virtue out of the fact that it was falling. By reducing the RSG from 54 per cent when he took office to 44 per cent in 1989 he is just as guilty of infanticide as Nigel Lawson.

By launching the community charge in a single year rather than phasing it in as Kenneth Baker intended, while at the same time cutting the RSG massively and not capping council budgets, Mr Ridley and Mrs Thatcher strangled their baby at birth. Moreover, despite what Mr Ridley now says about the need for "rebates down the income scale", he did not design a comprehensive rebate scheme.

He now wants to pour Norman Lamont's £4.25 billion down the same bottomless pit that has already swallowed £5.5 billion. Of all people, Nick Ridley ought to realise that every £1 billion represents a missed cut of ½p in basic-rate income tax.

The Chancellor having correctly used the money to lower the burden on local taxpayers to approximately what it was under the rating system, the question is how best to sustain the position, or even lessen the burden further. Moving back to something like the percentage central grants we had for education until 1957 must be the answer.

Yours,
KEITH HAMPSON,
House of Commons.
March 28.

Children's evidence

From Baroness Faithfull

Sir, I believe that the Criminal Justice Bill, now being debated in Parliament, should include the recommendations made by last year's Pigot report, which outlined new ways for children to give evidence in court. I refer particularly to those children who have been sexually abused.

The suggestion that a child's evidence-in-chief could be given by a video recording would mean that skilled and sympathetic officers can talk to a child about traumatic experiences as soon as possible. The cross-examination can also be undertaken at once and these videos could then be shown at the trial.

The benefit for the child would be enormous, as his experiences will often have involved his family or someone close to his daily life; so the sooner the evidence is given the sooner he can "start again" in his young life.

To keep the (often horrific) details in his mind for questioning (either behind a screen or on a TV link) during the trial, which may be delayed for up to 18 months, can only reopen old wounds.

In addition, the spontaneous memories of unhappy experiences can become blurred with time, especially if the child is prey to counter-suggestions from adults whom he sees each day.

The balance lies between the care of young people and the fundamental right of an accused person *to question evidence brought* against him. I feel sure the Pigot proposals meet the needs of both.

Yours sincerely,
LUCY FAITHFULL (Chairman,
Family Courts Consortium),
House of Lords.
March 22.

Chichester theatre

From Mr John Gale

Sir, Benedict Nightingale's comment on the Chichester Festival Theatre ("Why has Sussex lost a leader?", Arts, March 28) was interesting and I was most flattered to be bracketed with Sir John Clements, who perhaps did more than anyone in cementing the achievements of Laurence Olivier. I suppose critics always refer to "safe programmes" when theatre people have the audacity to be successful, or even, heavens forbid, try to please a large audience.

I do confess that I tried to please the local audience and they always proved to be discerning and loyal in large numbers. I was also responsible, however, for starting our alternative venue called "The Tent", which developed over five years into the new and lovely Minerva Theatre for plays with perhaps more of a minority appeal.

The main house still had plays by John Osborne, Christopher Hampton, Robert Bolt, Stephen Sondheim, together with Shakespeare, Vanbrugh, Congreve, Shaw, and the first production of Thomas Hardy's *The Dynasts* in modern times. Safe maybe, but not always as cosy as some critics might infer.

The exact reasons for Robin Phillips's sudden and unexpected resignation in 1989, in my last season as director, are still a mystery. But he left, on the second day of rehearsals of his production of *London Assurance*, for personal reasons which had nothing to do with the ethos of the Chichester Festival Theatre, contrary to Mr Nightingale's suggestion.

Mr Phillips was not there long enough for anyone to form an opinion on his future plans for the theatre; therefore it is nonsense to suggest that the board or anyone else exerted pressure on him to institute *some imaginary "safe programme"*.

The essential point about Chichester is that it receives no public subsidy and is dependent for its survival on private sponsorship and good box office returns. A few bad seasons at Chichester and the theatre might have to close, and nobody who lives in this area or who loves the British theatre would want to see that happen. As the late Benn Levy, the dramatist and Labour MP, once said: "Look after the economics of the theatre and the culture will look after itself".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GALE (Director,
Chichester Festival Theatre, 1985-9),
1 East Dean Hill, East Dean,
Chichester, West Sussex.
April 1.

Labour and deterrence

From Lord Orr-Ewing

Sir, Why is your leader writer (March 27) determined to credit Labour with policy changes they have not made? His claim that "Labour's policy review has produced a package" including "retention of the nuclear deterrent" is patently untrue.

Opinion polls have frequently charted massive public rejection of any policy of giving up all British nuclear weapons whilst the Soviet Union retains them. Yet Labour is still committed to doing this. Page 87 of the policy review document, *Meet the Challenge, Make the Change*, categorically states:

> *Labour will immediately seek to place all Britain's nuclear capability — including Polaris, and as much of Trident as has been completed — into international nuclear disarmament negotiations . . . Our aim is to bring about the elimination of that capability.*

Time and again Neil Kinnock, John Smith and other Labour spokesmen have refused to give any commitment to keep nuclear weapons as long as the Soviet Union still has them. This is because Labour intend *to negotiate away our entire nuclear deterrent in return for just a fraction of the Soviet nuclear force.*

If Mr Kinnock wants the credit of retaining nuclear weapons, let him say at last that this is what he aims to do. In the meantime, however, your leader writer should stop misrepresenting the policy review document's pledge to "eliminate" them as a commitment to their retention.

Yours faithfully,
IAN ORR-EWING,
House of Lords.
March 27.

Church reappraisal

From the Reverend Nicolas Stacey

Sir, The Church of England needs to assess its priorities. High on the list must be the deployment, performance and morale of its full-time stipendiary clergy.

In the 1960s a few of us tried to get a Church reform movement rolling, but sadly with little effect, and as we predicted, in the intervening years the situation has got worse as numbers have declined.

Today many clergy are faced with a choice between looking after five country churches with congregations that rarely reach double figures or struggling single-handed in a 10,000-strong council estate with a congregation of 50. Inevitably such a dispiriting and demoralising situation has taken its toll and has been counter-productive for the Church.

As a matter of urgency the new archbishop needs to work out what radical measures are needed to use the clergy in more imaginative ways. Already a number of us priests have discovered one can make a more effective contribution to the building of the kingdom of God by working in secular jobs than working in the employment of the Church.

Yours faithfully,
NICOLAS STACEY,
The Old Vicarage,
Selling, Faversham, Kent.
April 3.

Field of view

From Mr David Morkill

Sir, The astonishing thing about the Countryside Commission's objection to the proposed wind farm at Cemmaes (report, March 12; letters, March 20) is that it spoils the view from Cader Idris.

The summit of Cader Idris lies 17km from the summit of the ridge Mynydd Cemmaes, the proposed site of the wind farm. At this distance the .25m tower of each turbine appears the same as 4.5mm seen 3m away and the 33m rotor smaller than a shirt button viewed from the same distance.

I wonder when a member of the Countryside Commission last climbed Cader Idris.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID MORKILL,
Ysgol Uwchradd Tywyn,
Tywyn, Gwynedd.
March 20.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

Teaching blind to heal the halt

From Mr D. I. Marshall

Sir, On April 11 the executive committee of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, which administers the North London School of Physiotherapy in Highgate, meets to ratify a proposal from its education committee not to accept an intake of students to the college in 1991. The effect of such ratification will be the disappearance of the blind and partially-sighted chartered physiotherapist from both the NHS and private practice.

Since the early 1900s physiotherapy has been successfully practised by many with a visual impairment, including blinded service personnel from two world wars. This has been made possible by dedicated training at what is now the NLSP, originally the nation's only purpose-built training college for physiotherapists.

The college was built by the RNIB in 1978 for £1.25 million and has attracted visually-handicapped students from all over the world. If its training is discontinued, any visually-handicapped person wishing to become a chartered physiotherapist will have to apply to one of the 33 other colleges; these are already well over-subscribed (there is a constant shortfall of physiotherapists) and none of them has indicated that it will accept visually-impaired students.

We are assured that the closure is not proposed for financial reasons, but for the sake of "integration". Yet integration has always existed in the practice of physiotherapy, once graduates have had the benefits of the specialised training methods and equipment available at the NLSP.

As a retired, visually-impaired physiotherapist myself and as a former vice-principal of the NLSP, I find it ironic that throughout my career it was the "sighted camp" who opposed our gaining equal status in the profession; yet, now that this parity has been achieved, it is the "blind camp" who are closing the college.

Yours faithfully,
D. I. MARSHALL,
39 Brook Road,
Bassingbourn,
Royston, Hertfordshire.

Diet and disease

From Lady Slack

Sir, Dr Gilbert Thompson (March 28) gives a dire warning to Mr Bernard Levin (article, March 11) about the possible consequences of enjoying more butter and cream, threatening him with an appearance in your obituary columns.

The evidence for an association between saturated-fat consumption and differing rates of coronary heart disease between countries is not proof that one causes the other. Furthermore, the evidence that blood cholesterol levels are "what counts" is very dubious.

As a recently retired clinical geneticist with an interest in coronary heart disease, I would remind Dr Thompson, and reassure Mr Levin, that estimates of heritability of serum cholesterol levels are quite low (no more than 36 per cent) and apply only to the populations (middle-aged Americans) in which they are made. They should not be applied to an individual whose seniority would suggest that he has outlived much of the possible effect of any such deleterious genes.

Bearing in mind that cholesterol is an important component of brain cells, I hope Mr Levin will eat well and continue to write in your columns for many years to come.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN SLACK,
22 Platts Lane, NW3.
March 29.

Budget victims

From Mr J. Keen

Sir, The Budget headlines trumpet that vehicle excise duty has been frozen for the sixth year running (still £100 a year for a Rolls-Royce).

The Chancellor says that he wants more fuel-efficient vehicles to be chosen. I was, therefore, surprised to be informed at the Post Office yesterday that the excise duty for my 49cc moped, which covers about 150 miles on a gallon of petrol, had been increased by 50 per cent from £10 to £15. Indeed steep increases have been imposed on all motorcycle duties, but none by a higher percentage than for the smallest mopeds, used by the poorest in the community.

I have seen not a word from the motor-cycle industry and scant publicity in the Budget details.

Yet another example of humbug from a politician.

Yours faithfully,
J. KEEN,
57 Richmond Wood Road,
Bournemouth,
Dorset.
March 22.

Book at breaktime

From Dr Roy R. Johnson

Sir, If Mr Major is to read Trollope when taking his "well-earned break" (leading article, March 25), should he opt for *Can You Forgive Her?*

Yours sincerely,
ROY R. JOHNSON,
Flat 2,
66 Victoria Road,
Exmouth, Devon.
March 25.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 3: The Duchess of York this evening presented the Young Electronic Designer Awards at the Science Museum, South Kensington, London, and was received by the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (Councillor Jonathan Wheeler).

Miss Lucy Manners was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, this morning attended a Meeting of the Association's Council at 35 Belgrave Square, London, SW1.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

This afternoon Her Royal Highness, Upper Warden, The Worshipful Company of Loriners, attended the Meetings of Committees Trade Liaison and Finance at Pewterers' Hall, Oat Lane, London, EC2.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 3: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community International, gave a dinner for young business leaders from the Pacific region at Sandringham House.

The Princess of Wales opened St Peter's Basin, Walker, Newcastle.

Subsequently Her Royal Highness visited Callaly Court, Walker, Newcastle.

Finally, The Princess of Wales visited the offices of Newcastle Chronicle and Journal Limited, Newcastle.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Peter Attenborough, headmaster, Charterhouse, 53; Sir John Beith, diplomat, 77; Mrs Margaret Dupont, tennis champion, 73; Brigadier Anne Field, former director, WRAC, 65; Mr J.M. Fleming, former chairman, Vauxhall Motors, 61; Mr Trevor Griffiths, playwright, 56; Earl Jellicoe, 73; Colonel Sir Bryce Knox, Lord Lieutenant of Ayr and Arran, 75; Viscount Leathers, 83; Mr Paul Parker, footballer, 27; Mr Anthony Perkins, actor, 59; Mr Ian Robertson, director, the National Army Museum, 48; Mr Dave Sexton, football manager, 61.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Grinling Gibbons, wood carver, Rotterdam, 1648; Sir William Siemens, inventor, Lenthe, Germany, 1823; Maurice Vlaminck, painter, Paris, 1876.

DEATHS: John Napier, *inventor of logarithms*, Merchiston Castle, Edinburgh, 1617; Robert Ainsworth, lexicographer, London, 1743; Oliver Goldsmith, London, 1774; André Masséna, marshal of France, Paris, 1817; John Campbell, philanthropist, cofounder of the Religious Tract Society of Scotland, London, 1840; William Henry Harrison, 9th president of the USA March 4-April 4 1841, Washington, 1841; Carl Benz, pioneer of the motor car, Paris, 1941; Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, prime minister of Pakistan 1971-77, executed, Rawalpindi, 1979; Gloria Swanson, actress, 1983.

The North Atlantic Treaty was signed in Washington by 11 nations, 1949. Martin Luther King, Nobel Peace laureate 1964, was assassinated, Memphis, Tennessee, 1968.

Church news

Church in Wales

The Rev John Thelwell, Vicar of Gwernaffield, diocese of St Asaph, to be Rural Dean of Mold.

Church of Scotland

Translation

The Rev Alan B Telfer from St James, Falkirk to Mauchline.

Retirements

The Rev David S A Grieve from Arbirlot linked with Carmyllie linked with Colliston.

The Rev W N McRoberts from Ruchill, Glasgow.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will open the new stand at Aintree racecourse at 11.45.

The Prince of Wales, as Chairman of the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, the Cambridge Overseas Trust and the Isaac Newton Trust, will chair meetings of the trustees at Trinity College, Cambridge, at 3.15 and meet some of the scholars supported by the trusts.

Princess Margaret, as Grand President of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, will open the new Berkshire county headquarters at Woodley, near Reading, at 3.00.

The Duchess of Kent, as a trustee of the Jacqueline du Pré Memorial Fund, will attend a concert at Goldsmiths' Hall at 7.15.

University news

Durham

The following have been elected honorary fellows of St John's College, Durham:

The Right Rev Cyril Bowles, former Bishop of Derby; Professor Sir Kingsley Dunham, geologist; Miss Ruth Etchells, former principal and member of the *Church of England Crown* Appointments Commission; the late Sir William Leech, who accepted the fellowship shortly before his death; and Canon Professor H.E.W. Turner, theologian.

Nottingham

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at a ceremony in July 1992.

Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following this July:

Mr Anthony Cleaver, Chairman and Chief Executive of IBM United Kingdom Holdings (LLD); Mr Roger Godfrey, President of the Council of the University of Nottingham (LLD); Sir Charles Mackerras, Musical Director of Welsh National Opera (DMus); Iona Opie, oral historian of childhood (DLitt); Jonathon Porritt, environmentalist (LLD); Doug Scott, mountaineer (MA); Professor William Stewart, chief scientific adviser to the Cabinet Office (DSc); Professor David Williams, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University (LLD).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.H. Bromley
and Miss J. Harris

The engagement is announced between Charles Howard, eldest son of Sir Rupert Bromley, Bt, and Lady Bromley, of Rivonia, South Africa, and Julie, eldest daughter of Mr Gordon Harris, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Mrs Robert Conradt, of San Rafael, California, United States.

Mr A.R. Dewes
and Miss P.J. Northam

The engagement is announced between Jim, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Dewes, of *Dulwich, and Phyllida, daughter* of Mr and Mrs J.B. Northam, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.J. Freeman
and Miss C.J. Dixon Smith

The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr Richard Freeman and of Ann Bennoch, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Caroline, eldest *daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter* Dixon Smith, of East Norton Hall, Leicestershire.

Mr J.W. Gillams
and Mrs R.E. Calder-Smith

The engagement is announced between John Gillams, of Streatley, Berkshire, and Rosemary Calder-Smith, of Binfield Heath Oxfordshire.

Mr T.H. Goldberg
and Miss R.E. Humphreys

The engagement is announced between Trevor Howard, son of Mr and Mrs Leonard Goldberg, of Melbourn, Cambridgeshire, and Ruth Emma, second daughter of Dr and Mrs Keith W. Humphreys, of Meldreth, Cambridgeshire.

Captain J.M.R. Hopkinson
and Miss C.E. Martin

The engagement is announced between Captain James Hopkinson, Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons), son of Major General and Mrs John Hopkinson, of Bigsweir, Gloucestershire, and Candida, daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Martin, of Wadborough, Worcestershire.

Mr S.M. Laird
and Miss G.E. Hanson

The engagement is announced between Magnus, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Laird, of Moray Place, Edinburgh, and Georgina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Hanson, of Budby Castle, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Mr H.F. Ogilvie
and Miss C.J. Macaulay

The engagement is announced between Hamish, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.H. Ogilvie, Kilry, Angus, and Christine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. A. Macaulay, Drumoak, *Kincardineshire*.

Mr P.E. Payne
and Miss E.A. Notley

The engagement is announced between Phillip, son of Mr and Mrs *G.D.* Payne, of Woldingham, Surrey, and Libby, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.G. Notley, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr M.D. Smith
and Miss D.S. Boston

The engagement is announced between Mark Dalton, younger son of the late W. Roland Smith and of Mrs Barbara Smith, of Hoylake, Wirral, and Deborah Sian, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Boston, of Heswall, Wirral.

Marriages

Dr P.M. Mariggi
and Ms A.A.M. Dougary

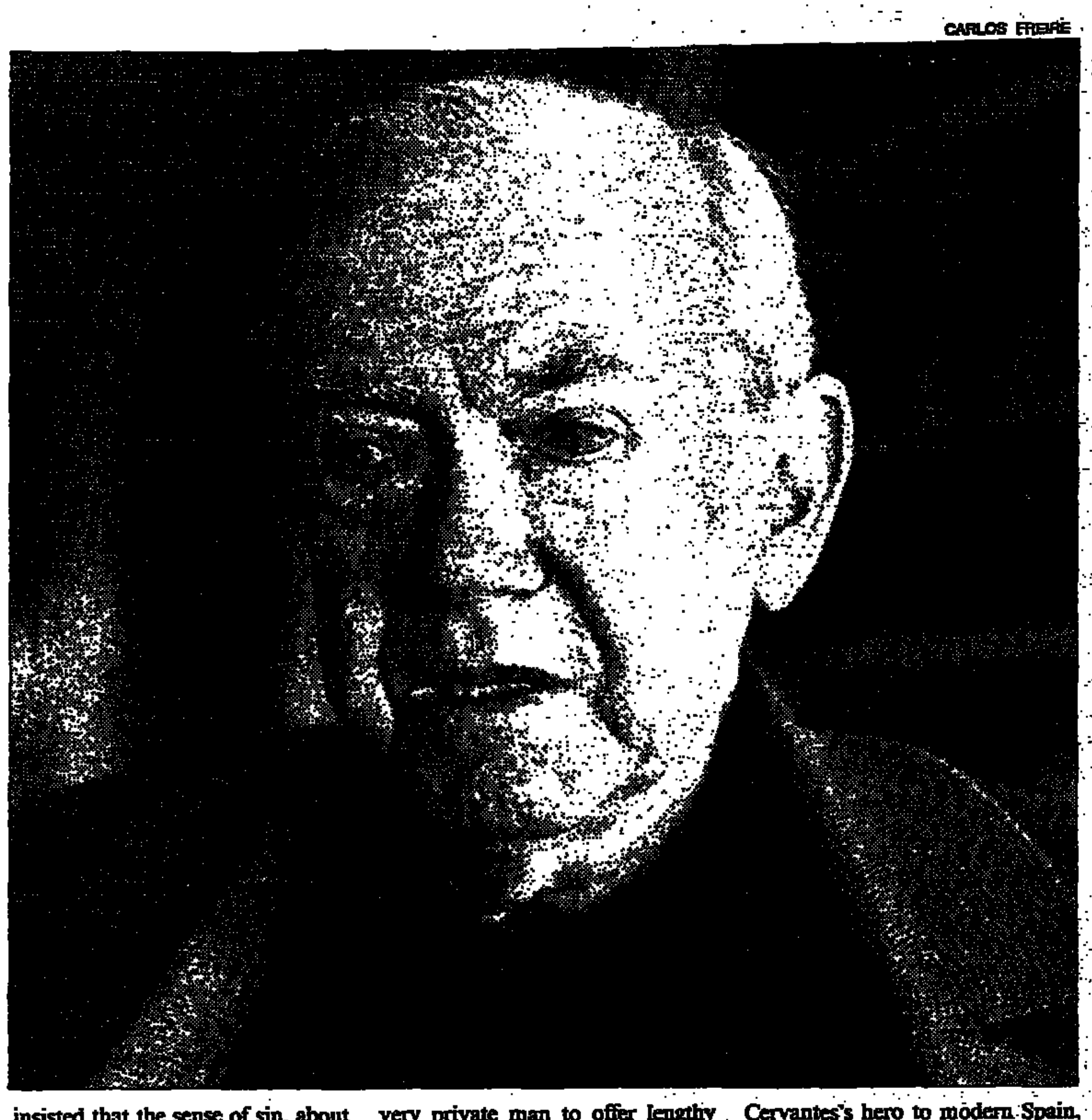
The marriage took place quietly on Wednesday, *March 27, 1991*, in London, between Dr Piero Maria Mariggi, only son of Dr and Mrs Giovanni Mariggi, of Novara, Italy, and Ms Anne Dougary, elder daughter of Mrs Joyce Dougary and the late James Dougary, OBE. Dr and Mrs Piero Mariggi are at present living in Milan.

Mr K.G. Thompson
and Mrs K.F. Wilson

The marriage took place on March 28, at Kingston Registry Office, of Mr Kevin Thompson, of Gateshead, Co Durham, and Mrs Kay Wilson, of Auckland, New Zealand.

OBITUARIES

GRAHAM GREENE



CARLOS FREIRE

Graham Greene, OM, CH, novelist, died in Vevey, Switzerland, yesterday aged 86. He was born on October 2, 1904.

THE reputation of Graham Greene must rest on his serious religious novels, the first to be written in England in this century. But he was versatile and his travel books, short stories, criticism and those lighter novels he called "entertainments" were of high quality. He was an outstanding storyteller; he wrote plays and film-scripts as well as being an excellent film critic; he also contributed to children's literature. No other contemporary British writer enjoyed so high a reputation on the continent of Europe.

Graham Greene, who was related on his mother's side to R. L. Stevenson and, more distantly, to G. J. Whyte Melville, was one of the four sons of Canon Charles Henry Greene; two of his brothers, Raymond Greene, the physician and climber, and Sir Hugh Carleton Greene, director-general of the BBC from 1960 to 1968, also achieved distinction. Graham Greene, like his brothers, was educated at Berkhamsted School where his father was headmaster. While he was still at school his first short story was published and his first play accepted, but not performed.

He won a *history exhibition to* Balliol College, Oxford, gaining a second, being more interested in university journalism than in academic work. He was the editor of *Oxford Outlook* and contributed to London as well as Oxford journals. *Babbling April*, a slim volume of poems, was published in Oxford in 1925 but poetry was not his genre and he did not return to it. Strongly influenced in boyhood by Rider Haggard's *King Solomon's Mines*, he developed a lasting interest in Africa and for a time considered going into the Colonial Office. Instead, after an abortive ten days with the British American Tobacco Company, he went to Nottingham where he worked as a sub-editor on the *Nottingham Journal*. There he was instructed in the Roman Catholic faith and was subsequently *received into it. Its influence* was not apparent in his writing for some time. It took him ten years, he once said, to know enough about Roman Catholics to be able to write about them.

In 1926 Graham Greene came to London, and for three years worked as a sub-editor on *The Times*, where *he found the* company congenial and the hours, not to mention the disciplines of sub-editing, well suited to the apprenticeship of an aspiring novelist. He married Vivien Dayrell-Browning in 1927 and in 1929 Heinemann accepted and published the third of the novels he had sent them, *The Man Within*. Although he later, and justly, described it as "embarrassingly romantic" *The Man Within* had a great success and was rewarded with a three-book contract. This comparative security proved, significantly, stifling. The next two novels — Greene later omitted them from his list of published works — were barely *noticed failures and it was only* when his financial affairs reached a pitch of crisis that the thriller or "entertainment", *Stamboul Train* (1932), repeated his first success and he began to be noticed as a writer of originality and power with an especial sensitivity to the world of urban seediness. Of this his inter*pretation eventually became known* as "Greeneland". This country of the imagination extended its boundaries to mid-century Africa, Latin America, the Far East, the Caribbean, Vienna and Brighton Pier.

In the years after *Stamboul Train* other entertainments followed, together with a book of stories, *The Basement Room* (1938) and *Journey Without Maps*, the account of a trip to Liberia, in 1936. Already, distinctive themes were emerging: the betrayal of innocence and trust, especially the innocence of childhood, the lost Eden; obsessive gambling; the tawdry values of the old school tie. To these he added a subject he was to make his own, the problem of sin in a Catholic context, in his novel *Brighton Rock* (1938) with its painful and arresting conclusion. But "I find it very difficult to believe in sin" he once said and insisted that the sense of sin, about which he wrote so powerfully, belonged to his characters and not to himself.

With *The Power and the Glory*, which won the Hawthornden Prize for 1940, Graham Greene became established as a writer of international importance. Here was serious religious fiction being written in England and comparisons were made with such French Catholic novelists as Bernanos *and Mauriac*. Greene's Mexican whisky priest has passed permanently into literature. Admirable as was much of his subsequent output — notably his later Catholic novels, *The Heart of the Matter* (1948), which bought widespread popular interest, and *A Burnt-Out Case* (1961) — *The Power and the Glory* is his masterpiece.

After *A Burnt-Out Case* his literary talent seemed for a while to lose its sense of direction. There were two more books of short stories; in 1963 the rather fey *A Sense of Reality* seemed to hint at new directions, but these were not developed. In 1967 came *May We Borrow Your Husband?*, bitter but rather lightweight tales of (usually) sexual misery. A longer novel, *The Comedians* (1966), set in Papa Doc's Haiti, contained many excellent things and, though heavy-handed in some of its execution, presaged a return to confidence and form.

Greene then switched course. *Travels With My Aunt* (1969) was a brilliant comedy, the uncomplicated tale of a stuffy bank clerk and the outrageous Aunt Augusta who entices him from his championship dahlias to follow her round the world via Brighton and Istanbul to Paraguay where, his civic virtues hopelessly compromised by *spectacular international crime*, he prudently becomes engaged to the police chief's daughter. This was an unexpected book from Greene at this stage in his career. But while the nephew and his aunt are little more than figures, the stream of situations which constantly challenge them to action is subtly characteristic of Greene's work as a whole. *Travels With My Aunt* continues as adventurous farce the argument that life can only be savoured to the full by those who accept the need for danger, involvement and risk. It cleared the way for an energetic resumption of these themes in the books that followed it.

"Our interest's on the dangerous edge of things." Greene took Browning's line as the informing text of his autobiographical memoir, *A Sort of Life* (1977), which surprised those who had expected this very private man to offer lengthy revelations of childhood and youth and were offered instead a terse *account of poetic escapades from* unhappiness at school and their gradual transformation into the adolescent bravura with which the young Greene took on his new (and lifelong) enemy, boredom. As a boy he tried to cut off his leg with a penknife; at Balliol he tried remaining drunk for a whole term. He became a spy *in* the French-occupied Rhineland. Later in life he took opium from time to time and wrote soberly of the terrible dreams it had given him. If much of the material in *A Sort of Life* seemed vaguely familiar, that was because there was scarcely a significant episode, experience or setting in his early life which he had not already subsumed in his fiction.

"For a writer," he wrote in his memoir, "success is always temporary. Success is only a delayed failure." A writer is only as good as his last book, the one that really matters. These are the words of the complete professional, and one always had the feeling that Graham Greene could not have stopped writing — or travelling, or using his eyes and ears — even had he wanted to. He followed *A Sort of Life* with *The Honorary Consul* (1973), a novel of guerillas and hostages set on the Argentine/Paraguay border. This was remarkable for its literary grace and readability, its profound sense of paternity (fathers of all kinds haunt its pages) and for its recreation of a perfect Greene hero, Dr Eduardo Plarr. It was almost as if, as he approached 70, Graham Greene had sat down and written for the pure pleasure of it, the exemplary Graham Greene novel. (One of his more mischievous achievements had once been to win *New Statesman* competitions with pseudonymous parodies of his own style).

He was to continue to be full of industry over the next 10 years. *Lord Rochester's Monkey* (1974) was a break from fiction to publish a literary biography he had long cherished, that of the seventeenth century poet and rake John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester. But he returned to fiction with *The Human Factor* (1978), a story of treachery in the secret service *which appeared timely* amid a similar series of actual exposés in British public life. However, for all the fact that such a story was natural Greene territory, many saw in it a falling off of the master's powers, a feeling which was not entirely dispelled by the short *Dr Fischer of Geneva* (1980). *Monsignor Quixote* (1982) transferred Cervantes's hero to modern Spain, made him of the cloth and mounted him in an old car called Rocinante *to produce a comedy of light touch*. His final novel, *The Captain and the Enemy* (1988) was, again, set in quintessential Greeneland. Contemporary Central America was evoked with the certain grasp of the old hand to produce a tale that was superficially an adventure, but underneath rehearsed the familiar themes of innocence, experience and disillusionment.

Greene did a great deal of work outside the field of fiction. He was exceptional in his generation for versatility. For example, no leading creative writer has shown, despite much discouragement, a closer or more lasting interest in the cinema. He was film critic of *The Spectator* from 1935 to 1940 and many of the judgments reprinted in *The Pleasure-Dome* (1972) have stood the tests of time and authenticity well. He took an unfailing delight in figures like Alexander Korda and Orson Welles — plenty of risk, and excitement of a kind, there — and enjoyed "going to the pictures" throughout his life. Many of his books were filmed, sometimes (as with *The Fallen Idol*, a story based on *The Basement Room*) with scripts written by himself; more often, and less fortunately, not. *The Third Man* was an exciting screenplay, filmed with great success by Carol Reed in 1949. None of Greene's other original screenplays was of the same quality, and neither were the few adaptations he made of other people's work.

He had several abortive attempts at playwriting but did not achieve success until 1952 when *The Living Room* opened in Stockholm and was produced in England the following year. This, like his other plays, *The Potting Shed* and *Carving a Statue*, and the farce *The Complaisant Lover* (well worth revival) were notable for their craftsmanship and originality; nevertheless the interpretative vision of his better novels was lacking. Yet another interest was revealed when, in 1966, he produced, with Dorothy Glover, a catalogue of their collection of nineteenth century detective stories in a limited, signed edition. Book-hunting expeditions, *particularly in* Scotland, were a favourite annual sport.

To meet, Greene was amusing, shy and, like his brother, Hugh, leaned from a considerable height. He was courteous and kindly, prticularly to younger writers, and he was unfailingly alert. Unusually for a writer of his period, he sought no personal publicity. He achieved it briefly as early as 1938, when an article he wrote on Shirley Temple for a satirical journal, *Night and Day*, led to a libel suit whose damages ruined the magazine. In his earlier writing his interest in generally liberal and progressive politics emerged only in the books themselves but youthful membership of the Communist party led, *in 1952*, to his being refused (and then, as a special exception granted) a visa to visit the United States. He greatly disliked American policy in South-East Asia and satirised it savagely in his novel *The Quiet American* (1955) which was in many ways prophetic of later events. *Our Man in Havana acquired* fortuitous political significance when the Castro coup in Cuba seemed to justify Greene's charges of British intelligence's confusions in the area. "Our man in — ", like "whisky priest" was a phrase Greene added to our language, and his nose for the world's next trouble-spot became so uncannily efficient that dictators were said to turn pale when he set up his typewriter overlooking their capitals.

During *the 1950s and 1960s his* interest in public affairs increased and he would write to the newspapers on such issues as justice for the Kikuyu in Kenya, support for Dr Castro, and on issues of interest to writers, especially censorship; in 1968 an attempt to divert his Russian royalties to the wives of the imprisoned Sinyavsky *and Daniel* was, however, unsuccessful. He also wrote an open letter to Malraux, protesting at the Algerian trial of Henri Aleg, author of *La Question* and crossed swords with the Archbishop of Paris who had refused Christian burial to Colette.

But perhaps the most astonishing furore in which he was involved was the campaign of vilification launched on him by a bruised Haitian government after the film *version of The Comedians* — which represented Papa Doc Duvalier's island as a hell of political murder, corruption, voodoo and torture — had produced a dramatic slump in the country's tourist trade. In a publication entitled *Graham Greene Finally Exposed* the Duvalier regime riposted with charges that Greene was a "cretin" and a "pervert". François Duvalier even went to the lengths of suing Greene in a French court for ten million francs and won his case but received damages of only one franc. Several years later Greene returned to the attack with a challenge to Duvalier's son and successor Jean-Claude to release named political prisoners as a sign of his good faith. This request was not acceded to.

J'Accuse: the dark side of Nice, echoing Zola, was *another dramatic* piece of intervention in public matters from Greene, this time in the South of France where he had settled. He castigated local government, police and the judiciary of the resort as venal, corrupt and malevolent. This book was banned by those same authorities and *J'Accuse* cost Greene *libel damages of* several thousand francs in a French court.

Graham Greene was from 1940 to 1941 literary editor of *The Spectator*, and then went on special wartime service for the Foreign Office to Sierra Leone, which provided suggestive material for *The Heart of the Matter*. He was a *director of the publishing firm of* Eyre and Spottiswoode from 1944 to 1948, and later of The Bodley Head. He travelled extensively, was in Prague during the communist coup of February 25, 1948, spent some time in Vietnam and visited Israel after the Six Day War.

He was made a Companion of Honour in 1966; and a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour in 1969. In 1986 he was appointed a member of the Order of Merit. In 1970 he had *resigned from the American* Academy of Arts and Letters as a protest against American involvement in Vietnam. He deplored the American invasion of Panama in 1989; he had been a close friend of President Torrijos (who was killed in a plane crash in 1981) and had an enduring affection for the country.

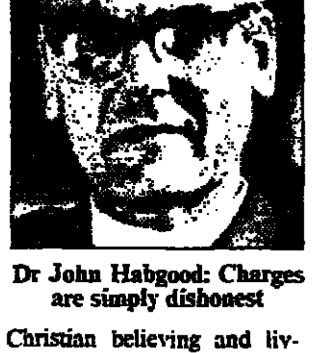
He had a daughter and a son.

Habgood condemns 'mischievous untruth' over Anglican beliefs

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of York has condemned as dishonest those who claim it does not matter what a person believes to belong to the Church of England.

Dr John Habgood, writing in the York diocesan newspaper *SeeN*, says: "Twice *in* recent months hostile columnists in the national and the local press have stated that for membership of the Church of England it does not really matter what a person believes. This is a mischievous untruth."



Dr John Habgood: Charges are simply dishonest

He says the faith of all churches is grounded in the scriptures. Most churches accept the creeds as providing the authoritative interpretation of the scriptures on matters such as the doctrine of the Trinity and the nature of Christ.

Most churches have a further set of documents which provide "a kind of primer for Christian believing and living." In the Church of England, these are the Thirty-nine Articles and the Book of Common Prayer, he says.

"A church like our own, which for centuries was accepted as the normal vehicle for articulating faith in a broadly Christian nation, can exist for a long time without having to think too much about its faith or spell it our more clearly. This is one of the main reasons why Anglicans have not been too concerned with doctrinal definition."

He says the need for definition has increased as society has changed and familiar Christian assumptions have been questioned.

Dr Habgood argues: "To suggest that in the face of these pressures the Church of England is losing its grip on its doctrinal position is preposterous. To many Christians outside it, it is not the radicalism of the Church of England which worries them but its *immobility*."

He says to describe the subtle interplay between individual and corporate faith and between living experience and inherited tradition as "believing what one likes" is simply dishonest.

Luncheon

Rotary Club of London

The Polish Ambassador was inducted as a rotarian by Mr Nick Tarsh, President of the Rotary Club of London, at a luncheon held yesterday at the Café Royal. He was introduced by Sir Sigmund Sternberg and Miss Sheila MacLean was the guest speaker.

Admiral Sir Frederick Parham

A memorial service for Admiral Sir Frederick Parham will be held in the church of St Mary Magdalene, West Lavington, on Saturday, April 27, at noon.

Lady Guise

A memorial service for Lady Guise will be held in Gloucester Cathedral on Thursday, April 18, at 2 pm.

Judge retires

Judge Best retired yesterday from the circuit bench on the Western circuit. His Honour Giles Best, aged 65, was appointed a circuit judge in 1975.

Secret dog-eaters of ancient Japan exposed

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ANIMAL remains from two Japanese excavations have complemented, and in one case significantly contradicted, the evidence of historical documents. As a result, the economy of early Buddhist Japan will have to be re-evaluated.

One of the recent discoveries, reported by Mr Akira Matsui in the East Asian Archaeology Network's newsletter, is a horse cranium dating to the seventh century AD, from the Joyama site near Osaka, on the island of Honshu. The skull had been cut open to remove the brain.

This is possibly "an indication that the brain matter was used as a hide-processing accelerator," Mr Matsui says. "In the oldest laws of Japan, the *Ritsuryo*, if a government horse or cow died, its meat, skin, horns, brain and kidneys were required to be removed. There is no indication of their usage, but in a later record, the *Engishiki*, written in the ninth century, the procedure to process deer hide says that it should first be coated with brain

The second study, of bones from the medieval town of Kusadosengen, near Hiroshima, challenges the view that the Japanese refrained from eating land mammals after the introduction of Buddhism in the sixth century AD. "There are many admonitions in laws from the seventh century onwards not to kill or eat animals," Mr Matsui says, and "the archaeological record *indicates that* the amount of animal bones recovered decreased in comparison with those from the Jomon and Yayoi periods prior to AD 300."

The bones from Kusadosengen, however, show that the townspeople ate a wide range of mammals, birds, reptiles and, of course, fish, he says. "The most striking fact is that their principal protein was obtained from dog meat. More than 80 per cent of the mammal bones came from dogs.

"It is clear that the dogs were used for food, because many of the bones had butchering marks and some bore indications of being charred. These food habits are not seen in any written records because meat consumption was officially prohibited."

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BIRTHS

ISON - On Easter day, April 1st, to Clare Tear) and Graham, a hter, Elizabeth Mary.

- On March 30th, at Portland Hospital, to beth (née Bucknall) and n, a son, George William tian.

IAM - On April 2nd, to y and Nick, a son, s Alexander.

NG - On March 8th, to a (née Henk) and m, a son, Alasdair les Graham.

ETT - On March 22nd, he Portland Hospital, to ne (née Marchant) and , a daughter, Emily ria.

BELL - On March 26th, Queen Charlotte's tal, London, to Emma Leahy) and Gary, a hter, Eliza Rose, a sister lexander.

EGIE-BROWN - On h 28th, at The Portland ital, to Jacqueline (née) and John, a daughter, Frances.

P - On March 29th, to a and Simon, a son, rick (Freddie) Thomas.

NS - On March 29th, to and Alan, a son, George Avery, a brother for

N - On March 30th, at om Fields Hospital, outh, to Janet (née ement) and Martin, a Anthony Martin eath, a brother for ias.

SY - On March 29th, to and Charles, a son.

- On March 29th, at Portland Hospital, to and Caroline (née on), a son.

ALDI - On April 1st, to an (née Smythe) and ias, a son, James ony.

TROM - On March 3rd, athryn (née Summers) eter, Geraldine Camilla a sister for Charles and ie.

- On March 28th, to (née Glick) and than, a son, Simon rd Davis, a brother for ny.

- On Friday March 1991, at St Albans City tal, to Sheila (née) and Robert, a ter, Marni.

- On April 1st, to ab (née Harvey) and a son, Lewis John, a r for Charlie.

AGUE-JOHNSTONE - arch 21st, to Katie (née) and Torquil, a son, James.

S - On Good Friday, at Portland Hospital, to ffer and Nick Morris, a James William.

IS - On March 31st at Pembury Hospital, idge Wells, to Jane Mundy) and Stuart, a William Stuart Charles, ther for Elizabeth.

W - On March 30th at The Royal Berkshire tal, Reading, to Sally Dickson) and Ian, a ter, Caroline Jane.

TICOS - On April 2nd, e Portland Hospital, to ée Rakas) and Costi, a Peter Anthony.

RINE - On March 29th at Louise Margaret ital, Aldershot, to y (née Ferguson) and ard, a daughter, Helen, a for John.

LL - On Good Friday, h 29th 1991, to Jenny Osmond) and Hugh, a ter, Olivia Jean, a for Kate and Robert.

LL-WALLING - On 28th 1991 at Wichita, s, USA, to Caroline Barnby) and James, a ter, Victoria Ann.

- On March 28th, to (née Roussel) and , a daughter, Elisabeth e.

ES - On March 26th at at The Portland Hospi- David and Christina, a ter, Alexandra (Alexi) Surtees.

- On March 28th at Northampton al Hospital, to Lisa (née) and Alex, a son, s Daniel, 7lbs 5oz.

- On March 27th, at Portland Hospital, to and John, a son, Rodney, a brother for a. Many thanks to the and the hospital staff.

- On April 2nd 1991, erley (née Webb) and n, a son, Eoin James.

N - On April 2nd, at rwood Hospital, Ascot 3 pm, to Yvette Marie ugent) and Robin, a xander Robin James, er for Natasha Marie.

- On April 2nd, to and Angus, a son, David Gosselin.

EAD - On March Lincoln County Hos- Penny (née Wade) oderick, a daughter, Rebecca Catherine.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY:PITT - On April 4th 1931 at St Mary's Church, Brookfield, London, Ralph and Pip, now in High Salvington, Worthing.

DEATHS

AYRES - On April 3rd 1991, peacefully at home, Louie Gordon (Lee), in her 90th year, widow of Bill, dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of George and Diana and Caroline and Peter, greatly missed by them, her grandchildren Ella, Alex, William and Charles, and her many friends. A Service of Thanksgiving to take place at The Wilmslow United Reform Church, Alderley Road, Wilmslow, on Thursday April 11th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only but, if desired, donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QG. All enquiries to Albert R Slack (Funeral Director) Ltd., Wilmslow, tel: (0625) 525065.

BARR - On March 18th, peacefully in hospital, Mavis, aged 84, widow of Leslie, loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Wednesday April 10th at 12.30 pm. Donations, if desired, to Care of the Elderly, Charing Cross Hospital.

BARTLEY - On April 1st, peacefully at home, Peggie (Margaret Edith), aged 80 years, of Wimborne, Dorset, Founder of the East Borough Housing Association. Widow of the late Dr. C.H.D. Bartley, a very dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Tuesday April 9th at 12 noon for family and close friends. Service of Thanksgiving in Wimborne Minster on Saturday July 20th at 11.30 am. No flowers, but donations if wished for "Charles House". Cheques payable to East Dorset N.S.F. Sheltered Home Project c/o Charles Small & Son Funeral Directors, 15 West Street, Wimborne, Dorset, tel: (0202) 882572.

BOYLE - On April 2nd 1991, very peacefully after a long illness, Sheriff John Sebastian Boyle. Beloved husband of Isobel and father of Susan, Stephen, Cecilia, Elizabeth and Edward and much loved grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Fortified by Rites of Holy Church, reception of the body and vigil at St Peter's Church, Hyndland Street, Glasgow, on Friday April 5th at 7.15 pm. Funeral Mass on Saturday April 6th at 10 am, thereafter to St Conval's Cemetery, Barrhead, to which all friends are welcome.

BRADLEY - On March 27th, Dorothy M. aged 85. Beloved wife of the late Thomas E. Bradley. Cherished mother of Judge John A.K. Bradley and Prof. David B. Bradley. Grandmother of David, Mark and Thomas. Great-grandmother of Rebecca and Michelle. Services on Monday April 1st at Christ Church, Greenwich, CT., in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Red Cross, Greenwich Chapter, East Putnam Ave, Greenwich, CT. 06830.

BURDETT - On March 31st, peacefully in Hove, Derek, aged 85 years, dearest husband of Sheilah. Private family funeral.

COCK - On April 1st 1991, peacefully in a Wolverhampton Hospital, Richard Harold, aged 84 years. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service, Bushbury Crematorium, Wolverhampton, on Tuesday April 9th at 2 pm. Family flowers only or donations if desired for the Salvation Army c/o F. Jennings & Sons (Funeral Directors), St James House, Horseley Field, Wolverhampton, tel: (0902) 352251.

DAGGER - On March 29th 1991, Robert Henry, beloved husband of Dorothy. Enquiries to Thomas Bragg & Sons Funeral Directors, (021) 744-1428.

Du CANE - On April 2nd, Evelyn Joyce, former H.M.I., after a long illness in St Albans. Elder daughter of the late Rev. A.P. and Mrs Du Cane. Funeral Monday April 8th at 2 pm in the Abbey Church of St Alban. By request family cut flowers only. Donations for Cancer Research c/o Phillips Funeral Service, 68 Alma Road, St Albans.

EVANS-PUGHE - On Good Friday March 29th, peacefully after a short illness, Elizabeth (née Worssam) beloved wife of John and dearly loved mother of Christine and Stephen. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Bushey Heath, Herts on Monday April 8th at 11.30 am. Flowers to T.A. Ellement & Sons Ltd., 21 Bridge St., Pinner, Middx. Donations to St Peter's Flower Guild.

FLEMING - On April 1st 1991, peacefully, Sister Ignatius, Brentwood Ursuline. Requiem Mass Tuesday April 9th at 10 am in the Convent Chapel.

FORMBY - On March 27th 1991, at The Countess of Brecknock Hospice, Andover War Memorial Hospital, Pamela Stuart, aged 81, widow of Captain Richard 'Dick' Formby R.M., dearly loved mother of Richard, Jennifer and Charlotte and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Cremation private. Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Abbotts Anne, Andover, on Friday April 12th at 2.15 pm. No flowers but donations, if wished, may be sent to The Countess of Brecknock MacMillan Appeal Fund, Andover War Memorial Hospital, Andover, Hants.

GALLAGHER - On Easter Sunday, March 31st 1991, peacefully at home in Brighton, Joseph Vincent aged 94. Deeply missed by his son David, his granddaughters Gloria and Camilla, and his beloved friends. Requiem Mass at St Mary Magdalen Church, Brighton, on Thursday April 4th at 12.15 pm, followed by funeral. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Age Concern c/o Hannington's Funeral Directors Ltd., 4/6 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex.

GATICA - On March 28th, peacefully, Oscar, aged 44. Funeral Service at St Cuthbert's Church, Philbeach Gardens, SW5, on Friday April 5th at 3.30 pm. No flowers please. Donations in lieu, if desired, to London Lighthouse.

GORDON-NAPIER - On March 28th, Margaret, aged 80 years, of Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts., after a short illness. A much loved mother, grandmother and aunt.

GORHAM - On April 1st 1991, peacefully at Manor Farm, Mere, Wilts., Walter George (Wally) of Silton, aged 91. Beloved husband of Betty. Cremation service at Yeovil Crematorium on Tuesday April 9th at 11 am. Flowers or donations if desired to Friends of Silton Church may be sent to L.C. Hill & Son Funeral Directors, Water Street, Mere, tel: Mere (0747) 860361.

GRINDELL - On April 2nd 1991, peacefully in hospital after a long illness borne with great courage and cheerfulness, Barbara, deeply loved by Philip and all her family. Funeral Service at Legerwood Church, Earlston, Berwickshire, on Monday April 8th at 11.30 am with private cremation thereafter. Family flowers only please.

HILL - On Easter Sunday, March 31st 1991, at Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Oscar Tracy, retired solicitor formerly of Winter, Plowman, Harwood and Hill. Husband of Joan Nettleton. Funeral Service for family only at his request. No flowers but if desired donations to Royal Marsden General Cancer Research Fund, Donations Secretary, Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, SM2 5PT.

LANG - On March 30th 1991, Professor David Marshall, in his 67th year, husband of Janet and father of Andrew, Caroline, Elizabeth and the late David. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Furneux Pelham, Herts., on Tuesday April 9th at 1.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd. Funeral Directors, Wychelm, Harlow, Essex, tel: (0279) 426990.

LUND - On March 28th, suddenly in his sleep, Ralph Wilfred, born 1907, Winterton, Natal, dear husband of Claire, much loved father and grandfather.

LYNAM - On Easter Day, peacefully at the Southern Clinic, Reigate, in her 91st year, Florence Irene (née Dudson), beloved wife of the late Roy Lynam, much loved mother of Peter and Jill and grandmother of Jane, Sarah, James and Ross. Funeral at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium at 2 pm on Thursday April 11th 1991. Enquiries to Stoneman, Redhill, (0737) 763456.

MORANT - On March 25th 1991, Agnes, widow of Arthur Morant and sister of John, Priscilla and Humphry Boys-Smith and dear friend of Vivienne de Bernière-Smart, peacefully at home, aged 91. Funeral at Boldre Church, 11 am on Thursday April 11th. Family garden flowers only.

MOSS-ECCARDT - On April 1st 1991, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, Dr. John, aged 60, dearly loved by all his family. Funeral Service and Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's, Welney, Norfolk, on Wednesday April 10th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund or League of Friends of King's Lynn Hospital c/o R. Singleterry Funeral Director, Christchurch, Cambs.

MacFARLANE - On March 28th, Donald, C.B.E., aged 80 years, lately Consul General at Frankfurt and Naples. At the Westminster Hospital after a long struggle with heart illness most courageously and cheerfully borne, the very dearly loved and loving husband of Jean Carmen and father of their son Donald Neil (deceased). He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Private cremation at Golders Green Crematorium 4.10 pm, Wednesday April 10th. Choral Service of Thanksgiving at a later date at St Simon Zelotes Church, Chelsea.

NETTELFIELD - On Thursday March 28th, tragically, William Mark Gordon, aged 30, son of Jill and the late John Nettelfield, and brother of Jonathan, Hugh and Alex. Private cremation. A Thanksgiving Service to be held at All Saints Church, Odiham, on Tuesday April 9th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Comic Relief appreciated.

O'NEILL - On Tuesday April 2nd 1991, at Redcar, Cleveland, aged 76, Lieutenant Colonel Victor Prangnell-O'Neill, M.C. Father of Vernon and Victoria.

PEACOCK - On March 28th, Geoffrey Arden, aged 71, devoted husband of Gillian. Sadly missed by so many. Funeral Service at Chichester Cathedral on Tuesday April 9th at 3 pm. At his wish no flowers, donations, if desired, to the R.N.L.I. Memorial Service to be announced later.

PHILLIPS - On March 30th, Edna Mary, aged 94, much loved daughter of the late George and Ann Phillips. Funeral Service at High St. Methodist Church, Harpenden, on Monday April 8th at 11.15 am. No flowers, but donations to MIND, 22 Harley Street, London W1N 2ED, welcome.

REIGATE - On April 1st, suddenly but peacefully, Patricia Tamar, widow of Harry and much loved mother of Jacqueline Roslin and grandmother of Gaby and Tim. Funeral has taken place.

REYNOLDS - On March 28th 1991, Anne Rosemary (formerly Kingsbury) née Mann, of Kew Gardens, Surrey. Suddenly as the result of an accident in her beloved M.G., in her 67th year. Leaving three sons, five grandchildren and many friends. Cremation at Mortlake on Friday April 5th at 11 am. Family flowers. Donations to Cancer Research or The Spastics Society.

RYDER - On March 26th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Krystyna Karolina, beloved wife for nearly 45 years of Arthur John Ryder. Thank God for her long life, many gifts and lovely character. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Hamilton Terrace, London NW8, on Tuesday April 9th at 2.30 pm, to be followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to the Sue Ryder Foundation for the Sick and Handicapped, Cavendish, Suffolk, or to Medical Aid for Poland, 16 Warwick Road, London SW5. Enquiries to 071-624 8221 or to James Crook Ltd., 259 Kilburn High Road, London NW6, tel: 071-624 2288.

SANDBACH - On March 30th 1991, peacefully at home Arlesey, Bedfordshire, Nora aged 60 years. Dearly loved mother of Joanna, Andrew, Rex and Ian and a much loved grandmother. Funeral Service takes place Monday April 8th at St Peter's Parish Church, Arlesey, 10 am, followed by cremation. Flowers to George Squire & Sons, Victoria Road, Shefford, Beds.

TEW - On March 28th, at home, suddenly, Reginald Percy Tew, aged 76 years, beloved husband of Denise and father of Graham. Cremation at Vinters Park, Maidstone, today, Thursday April 4th at 12 noon. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

TIMAEUS - On April 2nd, peacefully at Glangwili Hospital, Carmarthen, Wales, Anthony Edwin Timaeus, better known as Timmy. Beloved husband of Romaine, father of Miranda and Sebastian. Bobo to Kamil, Jehan, Angharad and Alexander. Funeral Service at Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth, on Friday April 5th at 10 am. No flowers but donations to R.N.L.I., New Quay Branch, Dyfed. Enquiries to Oliver Evans & Sons, Carmarthen 236226.

WARREN - On April 1st 1991, suddenly at Ticehurst, East Sussex, Lilian Mabel, of Haywards Heath. Widow of the late Colonel Warren and dear mother of Carol Anne. Cremation at The Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Friday April 5th at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations to St Catherine's Hospice c/o R.A. Brooks & Son, 35 Wivelsfield Road, Haywards Heath, W. Sussex, tel: (0444) 454391.

WILKINSON - On April 2nd 1991, peacefully, Arthur Henry Wilkinson, of Bettws-Y-Coed Road, Cyncoed, Cardiff, beloved husband of the late Anne and the late Margaret, father of Marcia, John, Monica and Diana. Funeral on Tuesday April 9th at 11.30 am in Bethesda Chapel, Tyn-Y-Park Road, Rhiwbina, Cardiff, followed by the interment at Cathays Cemetery. Gentlemen only. Enquiries to James Pidgeon & Son, (0222) 226604.

WINNIFRITH - On April 2nd, at home peacefully after a brave fight, Jo, beloved wife of Charles and mother of John, Charlotte and Laura. Funeral at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Parish Church on Tuesday April 9th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to Pilgrims Hospice, 56 London Road, Canterbury CT2 8JY. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held later.

WYNN-WILLIAMS - On March 29th 1991, suddenly at The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, Marjorie Borthwick, beloved wife of Darwas and mother of David, Robin and Timothy. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, St Mary Bourne, on Monday April 8th at 2.30 pm, prior to private family cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to St Peter's Church, St Mary Bourne, Fabric Fund.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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April 4, 1991

LEGAL NOTICES

COLDFORM LIMITED

We, D Swaden, F.C.A., & D. Power, F.C.A., OF: Leonard Curtis & Partners, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester. WERE APPOINTED JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS OF COLDFORM LIMITED, REGISTERED NUMBER 2442448, BY NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK P.L.C. ON FRIDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1991, UNDER THE POWERS CONTAINED IN A DEBENTURE DATED 6th, April, 1990.

D. Swaden, F.C.A.
& D. Power, F.C.A.,
Joint Administrative Receivers

NO. 002240 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF CATTLE'S (HOLDINGS) p.l.c.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 28th March 1991 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £8,840,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 26th March 1991.

Dated this 4th day of April 1991
Simmons & Simmons
(ROB/AMC)
14 Dominion Street
London EC2M 2RJ
Solicitors for the above-named Company

LEGAL NOTICES

A C SANDFORD LIMITED

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of Creditors of the above company will be held at Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST on Friday the 12th day of April 1991 at 11.00 am for the purpose of dealing with Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm from 8 April 1991.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge proofs of their debt and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at Baker Tilly, 2 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ST no later than 4.00 pm on 9 April 1991. Secured creditors (unless they surrender their security) must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting. They may then vote in respect of the balance after deducting the value of their security.

Dated this 27th day of March 1991
James Robert Hayes
Director

THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Section 175
EURACORP GROUP LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1 At an extraordinary general meeting of Euracorp Group Limited held at 1/16 Radcliffe Street, South Kensington, London SW10 on 28 March 1991 a special resolution was passed authorising a payment of A$21,500,000 out of the Company's capital (as defined in Sections 170, 171 & 172 of the Companies Act 1985) in respect of the redemption to the Company of 21,500,000 Redeemable Participating Preference Shares of A$1.00 each at par.

2 The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Section 171 of the Companies Act 1985 was A$21,500,000.

3 The statutory declaration and auditors report required by Sections 173 and 174 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at 38 Ballards Lane, London N3 1XW.

4 Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 within the period of five weeks immediately following 28 March 1991 for an Order prohibiting the payment.

DATED 28 March 1991
J Walker
Director

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
and
IN THE MATTER OF HAMILTON LOFT CONVERSIONS LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 22nd April 1991 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.

DATED this 28th day of March 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
L A DOBSON
DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF SHAWCO (SOUTH EAST) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter Scholey Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 45 Conduit Street, London, W1Y 3HG, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 26th March 1991.

DATED THIS 26th March 1991
PS DUNN FCA
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JANSTORP INTERNATIONAL (UK) LIMITED
Company Number 1284368

We, David Alastair Thomas Wood and Peter Scholey Dunn of Latham Crossley & Davis, Arkwright House, Parsonage Gardens, Manchester M3 2LF, hereby give notice that on 22nd March 1991 we were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above company by the English Trust Company Limited under the terms of a debenture dated 12th May 1989 giving the holders a fixed and floating charge over the whole of the assets of the Company.

David A T Wood
Joint Administrative Receivers

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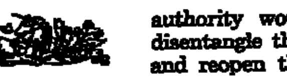

nain cause of serious congestion e capital was mid-Victorian erity, reflected in a population had more than doubled since As the leading article pointed 'A house big enough for a family is too small for a family of y, and a city which would mmodate a population of one n becomes inconvenient to two n and a half."

LONDON IS WEARING OUT

on is wearing out. The decay, ly, is not physical, nor nat- nor organic. It is not the community, but the material , which has lasted its time. ant a new city. It is a very ing discovery, but there is no shutting our eyes to the In fact, we could not deceive ves if we would, for it is sible to ride or walk half a in any direction from St without receiving a painful ssion of the reality.

don is no more calculated for nts of its own inhabitants or of the empire than old n bridge was for the traffic the river. We cannot get one street to another except dreadful cost of time and ce, and the matter seems to e worse every day.

our small attempts at vement we are overtaken by ong tide of prosperity and tion, and cannot even hold n. It is one of the principal of the police to prevent the of the streets from coming ctual dead lock, and nothing combination of skill and authority would ever suffice to disentangle the mass of carriages and reopen the thoroughfare for another five minutes.

In short, we really must do something, and that people have begun to feel. Just now, too, they have done considerably more, and in fact, have gone ahead in true Transatlantic fashion. They have begun to debate, to suggest, to plan, and above all, to count the cost.

Twenty millions won't do it. It is scarcely even "estimated" that this sum would suffice, and we all know the faculty of expansion which such estimates possess. A Committee of the Metropolitan Board of Works took the subject into consideration about a year and a half ago, and a report has now been presented, which the Board, at one of its "ordinary weekly meetings," was recently engaged in discussing.

The look of the document is enough to take away one's breath. There are five-and-forty items, mostly going by hundreds of thousands and some by millions, the main drainage itself being almost lost in the ruck. The report puts the gross demand at 19,815,521 *l*, but insinuates that the "net" charge may, by possibility, be brought down to the comparatively easy figure of 15,674,951 *l*.

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To receive and consider:
(a) the report of the Directors,
(b) the balance sheet, revenue account and related notes and the report of the Auditor in respect of AMP Society and the AMP Society Group for the year ended 31 December, 1990.

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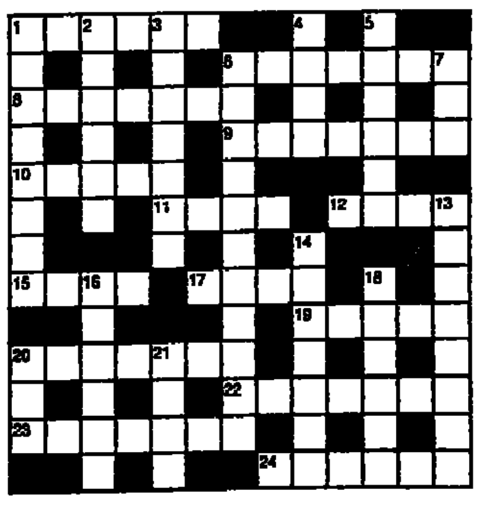

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Poet of the provincial

AN ELDERLY gentleman *runs* out of puff in the street. No shame attached — it's hot and he has a couple of well-stuffed shopping bags. A much *younger man* observes his discomfort, crosses the road and helps him home. Gratitude doesn't come easily to retired solicitor Ernest *Stapleton*, but he manages to invite his rescuer in for coffee. He discovers that Tony Clark is a newcomer to Beechnall, in digs with Mrs Mackenzie at 19, Mandalay Grove, a short walk from the posh boys' high school, where he has just taken up a post in the English department. Half a century separates the two men. Scholarship is all that unites them, until they are joined in Mr Stapleton's kitchen by his daughter.

Jennifer Hope is a formidable woman. An accountant by profession, fiercely independent by nature, and currently free from emotional attachments, she takes a shine to the young beak. As a result, Clark is catapulted into Beechnall's smart set. Colleagues such as Thompson and Frensham *are jealous* when they discover he has been invited to the Pearsons' barbecue. Hugh Pearson may be no more than a colleague, but his wife's family *is decidedly* grand. Even the Head's nose is out of joint (his invitation to one of Lady Clarissa's barbecues was never repeated), so the new boy has to tread warily. Fortunately, Clark is a natural courtier. What with one thing and another, the Christmas term passes pleasantly. The loss of Clark's old girlfriend being balanced by new friendships and a growing feeling of being accepted as part of the Beechnall furniture. It is in the New Year that things start going less smoothly. Relationships become taut, then fraught. Two of the pillars of Tony's brave new world collapse, and his whole cosmos trembles before a kind of peace is reached.

With 30 novels to his name, Stanley Middleton remains a remarkable writer. "Bedrock" he may be, and implacably domestic, to use Bernard Levin's phrase. A craftsman, too, who could no more produce a pot boiler than he could fashion a bodice ripper. His books are surprisingly eventful, and what has always distinguished Middleton from other "reliable" writers is the insight and love with which he explores the motivation of even the humblest characters *involved in the stirring deeds. I do* not expect to read a more satisfy*ing novel this year.*

Geoff Nicholson is a writer at the other end of his career. His first two novels, *The Knot Garden* and *What We Did On Our Holidays*, established him as a quirky, even zany writer, more Nigel Williams than Martin Amis, and a definite contender for the title of clown prince of the younger generation. **Hunters and Gatherers** marks a definite advance. There is a more serious purpose to the story of Steve Geddes, a young writer obsessively involved with his research into why people collect things — obsessively. Why *else but to* try and create trivial order out of disorderly reality?

Nothing is quite what it seems in Mr Nicholson's cleverly constructed conceits. An encyclopaedia saleswoman posing as a market researcher is actually the floozie Geddes insulted years earlier when he was a barman *as well as* (a *late revelation*) the daughter of the writer whose works form Geddes's own concession to the collecting bug. Other characters collect beer cans (or do they?), fast cars, bizarre sounds, strange sexual practices, *and* futile scraps of knowledge. None is improved by his or her particular pursuit, indeed, several appear to be seriously deprammed. Steve, too, has increasing difficulty *in hanging on to all his* marbles (the one collectable no one seems interested in), though his ex-wife Rachel remains a veritable tower of strength. Nicholson is never boring. Not all his shots strike home, but he's a very funny, subversive writer.

Erica Heller also seeks to undermine some cherished beliefs in **Splinters** — such as our belief in leopards' ability to change their spots. Or, to get down to specifics, *for Charlie Bamberg, celebrated* playwright and former husband of New York copywriter Stevie Bamberg, to abandon the habits of a lifetime and start showing a little more sensitivity than that displayed by your average autistic warthog. These sentiments are, of course, all too familiar to observers of contemporary mores. Nor is it only in Manhattan that ageing media men and other forms of male creative life resort to Don Juanism to revive flagging libidos. Miss Heller homes in on her target with wit as well as relish. And she struggles womanfully to avoid *tempering her assault with anything* that could be construed as charity.

John Nicholson

BEGINNING TO END
By Stanley Middleton
Hutchinson, £12.99

HUNTERS AND GATHERERS
By Geoff Nicholson
Hodder & Stoughton, £13.99

SPLINTERS
By Erica Heller
Chapmans, £13.99

William Cooper (Harry Summerfield Hoff), our amiably acerbic observer of scenes from provincial, married, metropolitan, and later life the way we live now, strikes ag

Old gents locked in hostility

Anthony Quinton on a spiky roman à clef about modern pretty identifiable great and good and glitterati

The novel of literary exhumation, the fictional account of a posthumous revision of the way a writer is viewed, is an attractive genre. It appeals to writers as a very direct pretext for concentrating on their own professional concerns and even, perhaps, an expedient for coming to terms with anxiety about what a later generation will make of them. It offers readers many of the plea*sures of the more domestic kind of* detective story — distinguishing the innocent from the guilty, disclosing the reality behind appearances — without the implausibility of a body with its throat cut in the country house library. Two fine examples are Nabokov's *The Real Life Of Sebastian Knight* — the first of his lightly coded cosmetic autobiographies — and Robert Neumann's insufficiently remembered *The Inquest*.

Immortality At Any Price is a welcome new addition to a category which, at its outer edges, can *just* accommodate *The Aspern Papers* and *Humboldt's Gift*. It is light in weight but extremely deft and notable for its genial freedom from rancour. Cledwyn Horsfall (life peer) was the leader of a trio from the Welsh Borders who went on to make good. *He, and a less* famous shadow of himself, Ellis Gotham, made names as economists and novelists. Horsfall went *on to advising at 10 Downing* Street and, after that, to jet-borne public activity. The third of the three is Frank Protheroe, writer of best-selling royal biographies. Horsfall has died and a colourless young man is being encouraged to write his biography.

James Cole makes Nicholas Jenkins look like Long John Silver. When he does talk he relies on metaphorical clichés, about which the other characters take *him up sharply. But he serves his* turn, less as a digging implement than as a basin into which the infuriated confidences of members of Horsfall's circle are poured. Everything comes out: Horsfall's long-term mistress, to whom he soon returned after marriage, his rage at not getting the Nobel Prize, the OM or even the CH; his shady financial speculations on the basis of inside knowledge gained in an official position; his underhand sabotage of the hopes of his friends for advancement; his involvement in homosexual activities when young (without the excuse of a boarding school education).

The book is provided with a dust-jacket on which William Rushton has *depicted, in his* efficient but unpleasingly caricatural fashion; the three mutually hostile Welshmen. His picture shows that, unlike most dust-jacket artists, he has read the book. Horsfall's side-whiskers feature strongly; Gotham wears a *blue* corduroy suit which figures emphatically in the text. More to the point, it lends support to the *hypothesis that Horsfall is some* kind of version of C. P. (Sir Charles, Lord) Snow. Turn chemist into economist and most of the objective, publicly avowable data correspond. William Cooper himself, is still a discernible (if a distant) model for Gotham: the splendid novels of provincial Bohemianism of the first become the novels of provincial campus life of the second. I have a theory about the original of Protheroe but I think it would be wise to keep it to myself.

Despite the intrinsically constraining effect of its form, the *book is a little desultory. There is* an intriguing crackle of aggression and sexual interest in the relations between the narrator and his cousin, a libel lawyer, handsome, but 20 years his senior, who is encouraging him to wri
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IMMORTALITY AT ANY PRICE
By William Cooper
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Old Galahad of mean street

PARKER'S last effort into Chandler-land, the completion of the Master's barely started *Poodle Springs*, was clever enough but unsatisfying. **Perchance to Dream** is Parker's sequel to *The Big Sleep*, courageously using original Chandler for the flashback sequences. Not much has changed. General Sternwood has died, but his butler Norris still buttles and daughter Vivian still slinks huskily, while daughter Carmen, responsible for much of the mayhem in *The Big Sleep*, has been put away in a sinister sanatorium for nymphomaniacs. But she goes missing, and Philip Marlowe is hauled back to find her. Still the seedy but brave Launcelot, he plunges into a morass of southern Californian vice, including a ghastly murder. Lots of familiar (and new) friends and villains, a cracking story, and , above all, the nostalgic whiff of dear old, long gone LA, when shamuses were shamuses, when nothing couldn't be solved by four fingers of rye and a slug from a barking 45.

● **Backhand**, by Liza Cody (*Chatto & Windus, £13.99*). Hurrah! Anna Lees is back after four years away from the mean streets of Notting Hill, still headstrong, volatile, aggressively independent, street-sharp witty, soft and beguiling. But bored, with a job which has changed from exciting gumshoeing to little more than selling security systems. Enter Lara Crowther, American toughie businesslady with an interest in a talented clothes designer whose designs have been ripped off, and whose teenage daughter has flown off with an older crook. The trail takes Anna to a Florida tennis club and into unexpected violence, handled with cool panic. A fizzing return.

● **Birth Marks**, by Sarah Dunant (*Michael Joseph, £13.99*). Carolyn Hamilton, a young ballerina, disappears; her mentor hires Hannah Wolfe, private eye, to trace
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CRIME

Marcel Berlins

PERCHANCE TO DREAM
By Robert B. Parker
MacDonald, £13.95

Myth from Mars

LET there be a reverent hush in which to bear witness and mix testaments. This publishing resurrection is of The Book of Genesis for the hippy movement of the Sixties — one of the most influential science fiction books ever. More so even that *The Lord of the Rings*, it changed life on campus and affected deaths off it. First published in 1961, by one of SF's golden age greats, its ideas heralded sexual permissiveness, spoke of universal pantheistic love, and became dreadfully mutated in the cult of Charles Manson, whose "family" was responsible for the Sharon Tate murders.

A re-reading — with the *addition of originally* cut wordage — proves it to be a book without a crime on its conscience. Other than a certain pseudo-naïve talkiness. Valentine Michael Smith is the first man from Mars to fall to earth: telekinetically he can move mountains; legally, he is sole owner of the red planet. At first an idiot savant, he is shunted around by political and religious forces.

But at the home of Jubal — one of Heinlein's favoured gurus, as harumphingly ominiscient as John Dickson Carr's Gideon Fell — he sets up a "nest" for sharing-water and other communal Martian delights. The jokey lunges as *social mores still work, the* assembly of rituals and ritual-words, which the hippies were to adopt, *achieve* a *fascinating* faith for the faithless. It's a book that intends satire, but means kindly. What mars it is the fog of whimsy which dampens some spectacular moments. How could its nudist romps ever have shocked? They're too much like jolly *chest-wobblers* from ancient naturist movies.

Because of that it could never make it as SF's *Candide*, but it is still, for all *its* cunningly rough-hewn narrative, a devious book about the way we live now — too clever for those who took the style but not the substance as its message.

Certainly, there are enough myth-making and born-again traditions, to make a new religion as some tried to do. Thankfully Robert Heinlein himself never went along with that sort of thing. Perhaps he realised that one SF writer gone wild walkabout — L. Ron Hubbard with Scientology — was enough.

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Tom Hutchinson

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CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

Not just another dirty story from New York City

Geoff Brown on Sidney Lumet's police drama *Q & A*, plus *Tatie Danielle*, *Quigley Down Under* and *The Big Steal*

Ethnic communities and minorities should note that words are not minced in Sidney Lumet's Q & A (18, Warner West End). Most of the abuse ("Wop, spic, nigger, faggot") pours from Nick Nolte, stomping over the screen with electrifying nastiness as Lieutenant Mike Brennan of Manhattan's 34th Precinct, dubbed by a colleague an *"equal opportunity racist"*: he hates everybody.

Brennan, the Precinct's tough guy — he is always, he boasts, "first through the door, the window, the skylight" — gets the plot rolling by ruthlessly shooting a Latin-American drug dealer through the head. Justifiable homicide, Brennan pleads; but the assistant district attorney assigned to sweep the case under the carpet (Timothy Hutton, forever the bland young idealist) finds the label does not fit. Investigations stretch from the D.A.'s office to New York's underworld; corruption and deep-seated racism are found at every turn. Lumet's script draws on a novel by Edwin Torres, a Supreme Court judge in New York State; the characters are true, Torres claims, even if the story-line is fabricated.

Any average director would have turned this material into a bullet-ridden, tyre-screeching movie for the Saturday night crowd. Lumet wants something different. He wants to make us ponder philosophically on the horror and sadness of the urban whirlpool. He shoots many scenes from the middle distance in static takes, allowing actors to chew at length upon tortuous dialogue with the bite and obscenity of genuine street talk. This is not fiction, the style shouts, this is raw reality.

Hutton may seem too wet behind the ears for an assistant D.A. who spent time as a New York cop, yet the context rings true. Nolte's vicious energy pushes all his scenes onto a knife-edge; while Armand Assante gives his wilted screen career a terrific boost with his silky portrayal of the volatile Bobby Texador, another drug dealer facing Brennan's wrath.

Unfortunately, as the drama unfolds, the reality Lumet strives for as director begins to be smeared with Hollywood sauce from Lumet the scriptwriter. Convention dictates there must be a woman among the big boys. The niche is capably filled by Lumet's own daughter Jenny. Hollywood sauce drips onto the main plot, slowing its pace, rendering perfunctory the final rush of revelations, bloodshed and despair.

Such flaws perforce put *Q & A* below the level of Lumet's other forays among New York cops, *Serpico* and *Prince of the City*. But this remains a film to reckon with: intelligent, abrasive, dynamically performed: a life-raft on the movie industry's ocean of pap.

> *Nick Nolte's vicious energy pushes all his scenes onto a knife-edge*

Vitriol also courses through the French film **Tatie Danielle** (15, Screen on the Hill, Metro and Cannon Chelsea), from the team who made *Life is a Long Quiet River*. (The director, Etienne Chatiliez, is interviewed by David Robinson, below.) Tatie (Auntie) Danielle, in her early eighties, raises spitefulness to a fine art. She bullies, connives, plays up her modest infirmities, and wears her aged housekeeper ragged. When the latter falls to her death dusting the chandelier, the ogre moves from the provinces to live with her Paris relatives — a good-hearted, blandly middle-class family. Danielle tries everything to infuriate them — kicking the dog, insulting the cooking, wetting the bed — but they still treat her with kid gloves. Danielle meets her match when the family takes a holiday, leaving her to the mercies of Sandrine, a tough young cookie who takes no nonsense.

The film's portrait of old age is strongly satirical, but sympathy creeps in at the edges to prevent the old aunt seeming simply hateful. As Danielle, Tsilla Chelton, a veteran stage performer, twinkles with malevolence, sliding with ease from a sweet old lady's smile to a hag's evil leer; yet she lets us see from time to time the abject loneliness lying behind the malice. Other characters — cartoons by comparison — are deftly handled; Neige Dolksy, another veteran, is especially touching as the devoted housekeeper.

Superficialities creep into Florence Quentin's script, partly because the crucial relationship with Sandrine is hurried. We are supposed to see one loveless, battered soul making contact with another; we only see a tart, agreeable film lurching off the rails.

Last seen in suit and specs in *3 Men and a Little Lady*, Tom Selleck now comes before us with moustache, goatee, a six-foot rifle and his old genial swagger, riding the outback of the 1860s in **Quigley Down Under** (12, Cannon Haymarket and elsewhere). Simon Wincer's film is a western of sorts, though despite the novel Australian setting, the script ransacks the fallen genre's rubble without much thought to rebuilding.

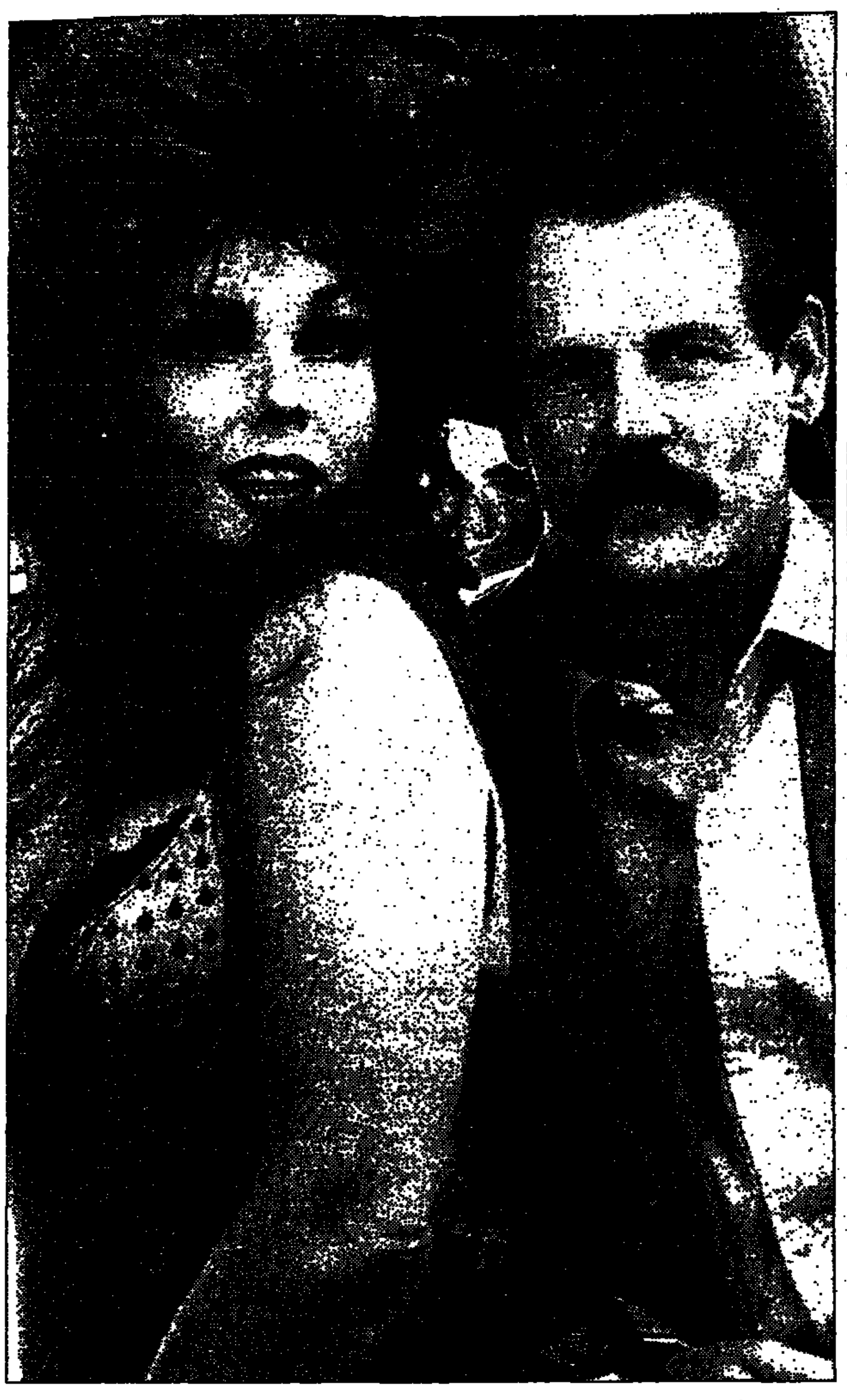
Here once again is the maverick hero, a crack marksman and champion of the underdogs, whether distressed damsels or persecuted natives. Here is the snarling villain, over-played by Alan Rickman, dressed in black for easy reference. Here is love by the campfire and the gunfight finale, shot from above to add myth and class.

Give credit where credit is due. Selleck turns in a likeable performance as the roving American sharp-shooter thrown onto the outback's mercies after a difference of opinion with Marston, his cattle-rancher boss. Laura San Giacomo, the *sex, lies & videotape* spitfire, squeezes tender feelings from her role as Quigley's outback companion, a traumatised widow. But they remain trapped by cardboard surroundings and obvious dialogue. As hero and villain assume stand-off positions, Selleck observes, "This ain't Dodge City, and you ain't Bill Hickock." No sirree.

Rule number 23 of film criticism: beware any comedy *whose characters douse each* other with fire extinguisher foam. This calamity occurs during **The Big Steal** (15, Cannon Haymarket and elsewhere), the latest creation from the Australian team of director Nadia Tass and writer/photographer David Parker. Luckily, most of the jokes — modest in size, worthy at best of a chuckle or snort — stem from cars, fumbling teenage love and adult chicanery.

As with their first international success, *Malcolm*, Tass and Parker pursue a vein of light whimsy that recalls not so much Ealing's great comedies as the milk-and-water imitations that clogged British cinemas during the Fifties. *In order to impress* his girlfriend, the 18-year-old hero — a babe in arms next to the street-wise teenagers of American movies —buys a Jaguar car from an unscrupulous dealer. When the engine dies, the dealer and both sets of parents become sucked into his revenge.

This is not much plot for a film of the Nineties that stretches to 100 minutes; early scenes, in particular, potter along as though the director had the whole day to engage her audience. Ben Mendelsohn, previously in *The Year My Voice Broke*, spins a thin whirl of charm as the hero in a pickle, though his character is an aggravating mouse. Then Steve Bisley arrives as the car dealer, all sharp ties and patter: he cannot escape the script's shallow humour, yet his role, at least, is punched home with a polish and bounce that gives *The Big Steal* a big lift.



Long arm of the law's informant: Nick Nolte and an underworld source in *Q & A*

BRIEFING

Greek revival

LIVING architects are more likely to attract abuse than admirers; dead ones often become the centre of cults. Perhaps the passage of time allows corrections to perspective, or perhaps (as cynics might believe) familiarity accustoms us even to carbuncles. There can be no question of the pre-eminence of the work of Alexander "Greek" Thomson (1817-1875), responsible for the look of many of Glasgow's finest tenements and commercial buildings, but his memory has so far been neglected in comparison with that of his fellow Glaswegian, Charles Rennie Mackintosh. An attempt to redress the balance is to be made at a public meeting next week. In the city's finest surviving Thomson interior, the St Vincent Street church, at 6.30pm on Tuesday, Gavin Stamp hopes to launch the Alexander Thomson Society. An appropriate date: April 9 was Thomson's birthday.

No Norman

JESSYE Norman has withdrawn from the world premiere of Sir Michael Tippett's setting of W. B. Yeats's poem, *Byzantium*, composed specially for her and due to be unveiled by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Sir Georg Solti on April 11. The premiere is a central part of the concerts marking the end of Solti's reign as music director in Chicago. Norman has given her reasons as "personal". There is disquiet in some quarters that, having had the score for over a year, she left her decision so late. Faye Robinson, the soprano who takes over from Norman, is renowned as a Tippett specialist and is already signed up for the European premiere at the Proms later this year.

Solti: saying farewell without Norman

Danced off her feet

BRIAN Friel's *Dancing at Lughnasa*, which moved to the West End (Phoenix, Charing Cross Road) a week ago last Monday, is about to lose Anita Reeves, the one cast member to receive an Olivier award nomination, for her performance as the high-spirited Maggie. Reeves leaves the production, which came from Dublin's Abbey Theatre by way of the National, at the end of April in order to recover from an ulcer; Sorcha Cusack has been signed to replace her.

Volley of paint

THE dancing sportsmen and women performing *Opera Sport*, in Leicester this weekend (featured on this page on Tuesday) are apparently not the only examples of art and sport intermingling. This June the Pilkington Glass International Ladies Tennis Championships — the traditional Eastbourne warm-up for Wimbledon — will have an artist-in-residence. The Towner Art Gallery in Eastbourne is inviting applications from artists who will work in an on-site studio for the duration of the championships, recording the graceful volleys of the Grafs and Sabatinis for display the following year. South East Arts and East Sussex Council are funding the residency.

Last chance . . .

SMART conducting from Carlo Rizzi and engaging performances from a young cast have turned a stop-gap revival of *Il barbiere di Siviglia* into one of the bright spots in the Covent Garden season. Jennifer Larmore is a mezzo Rosina of unusual brilliance and range, and one who offers as much charm and sentiment as wit. François Le Roux, soon to appear here in the title role of Harrison Birtwistle's new opera, *Gawain*, and makes a genial, likely-lad Figaro. The final performance of the season is tonight at the Royal Opera House, Bow Street, London WC2 (071-240 1066).

CINEMA: INTERVIEW

Funny old woman, living beyond her meanness

Etienne Chatiliez, director of *Tatie Danielle*, talks to **David Robinson**

At 38, Etienne Chatiliez still has the look of the idol of the school athletics team, with cascading blond hair and rather swashbuckling casual clothes. Last week he was on his way to Japan for a promotional tour of his new film, *Tatie Danielle*, which opens in London tomorrow (see Geoff Brown's review, above). Most directors dislike these publicity chores: for Chatiliez they seem still to offer some novelty.

Tatie Danielle, a black comedy about an outrageous, ungrateful and lonely old lady, is his second film. His first, *Life is a Long Quiet River*, was a runaway box-office success in France and abroad. "I didn't at first get any kick or surprise out of that. I thought it was just normal, that it always happened that way. Then people began to explain that I was very lucky.

"*Life is a Long Quiet River* was an easy one to start with because I was working with kids. They didn't know anything about movies and neither did I, so we were on the same level. It was certainly easier than working with, say, Catherine Deneuve. Famous people kill you when you don't know anything about anything."

Chatiliez has his own company and co-produces his films. "Setting up the first film is never easy, but I was lucky to find a producer who believed in it and loved it and did not want to change everything. You have to find someone who says, 'I like it', and that is the end of the discussion. It is better to go wrong doing something you think is right than to compromise and do what other people persuade you to do, and still be wrong."

Trying to assess his own character provokes a lengthy discussion of the right translations of "méchant" and "mauvais esprit". "Tatie Danielle is méchante. I am 'de mauvais esprit'. She's mean; I'm . . . wicked, I suppose, is the word." He settles for "mischievous".

"She is absolutely mean. She really concentrates on tormenting people. I don't identify with Tatie Danielle, but she makes me laugh. She's pushing people all the time. She's smart. That's what's fun about her.

"I quite admire her, because she is in her way honest, whereas her awful family are blind hypocrites in the way they refuse to admit the truth to themselves, even about Tatie. *It is no accident that the* wife is a beautician."

Chatiliez seems to specialise in awful families. *Life is a Long Quiet River* contrasted the odiously pious, bourgeois Le Quesnoys and the outrageous delinquent Groseilles. (The two families tangle when it emerges that a maternity home mixed up their babies years ago.) In *Tatie Danielle*, the Billards ("jumped-up, pretentious people, not even real bourgeois like the Le Quesnoys") rashly give a home to this terrible old lady.

"No, my family weren't awful at all. They were very nice: bourgeois, but very liberal. We got on well." Chatiliez's career is uncomplicated. He went straight from school into advertising, and from copywriting drifted into directing commercials.

"Making commercials has not really influenced my work, except to give me confidence in handling a crew and feeling I am the director. I am not Alan Parker or Ridley Scott or Hugh Hudson. My commercials were never about beauty, never aesthetic. They were always comedies, with actors. I like it when people talk and act: and most of the time commercials don't do that."

His script collaborator, Florence Quentin, was his assistant on the commercials, and had also been assistant to Maurice Pialat. "We found we think the same way and laugh at the same things. It is a real collaboration. I sit with her when she writes, adding my own ideas; and she is on the set when I direct."

The idea of *Tatie Danielle* came from Quentin: she based it on the experiences of a family and a terrible old lady she had known. "This one isn't about families, though, but about loneliness," says Chatiliez.

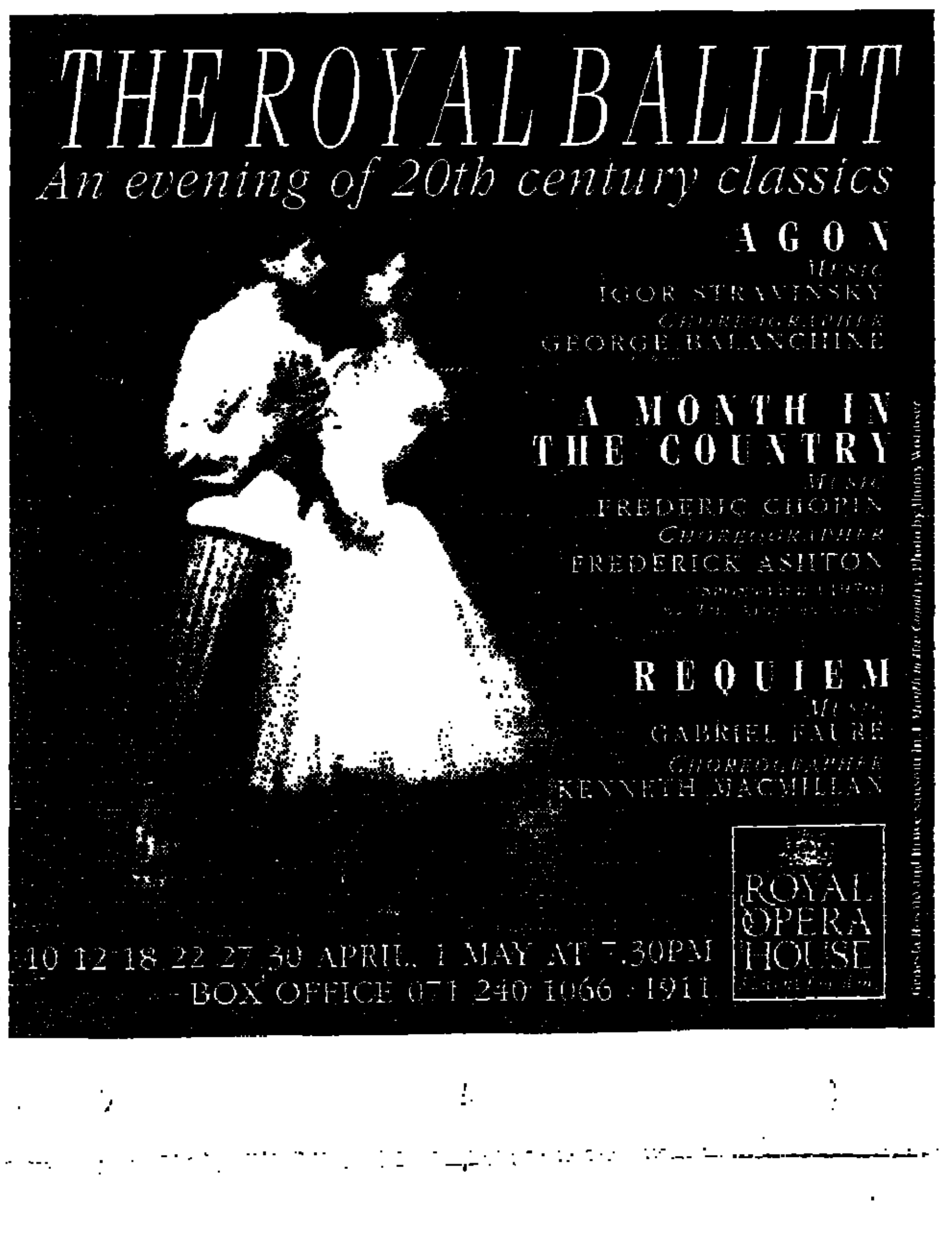
He insists that in France there is no disadvantage in working without stars. "What interests an audience is a story. If the film is bad and the story is not interesting, the public will reject it, even if it has Depardieu."

Both *Life is a Long Quiet River* and *Tatie Danielle* have been sold to American companies for English-language remakes. "America is the only country in the world that has to remake a film to make it acceptable to the audience. Of course you never know if the film will actually be made. They have been working on the script of *Life is a Long Quiet River* for 18 months, writing and rewriting ten times.

"Of course it inhibits distribution of the original film. Everybody thinks we make a fortune out of it, but they don't pay much. At least you are sure of getting your money, though. More sure than waiting for money from distribution."

Chatiliez does not feel particular artistic links with contemporary French cinema. "There are a lot of people I like, but we don't think or work the same way, I feel more sympathy with the French cinema of 30 years ago. I really began to make films because there was nothing that looked like the film I wanted to see; so I thought that the only way was to make it myself. Which I did."

Tsilla Chelton in the title role of *Tatie Danielle*



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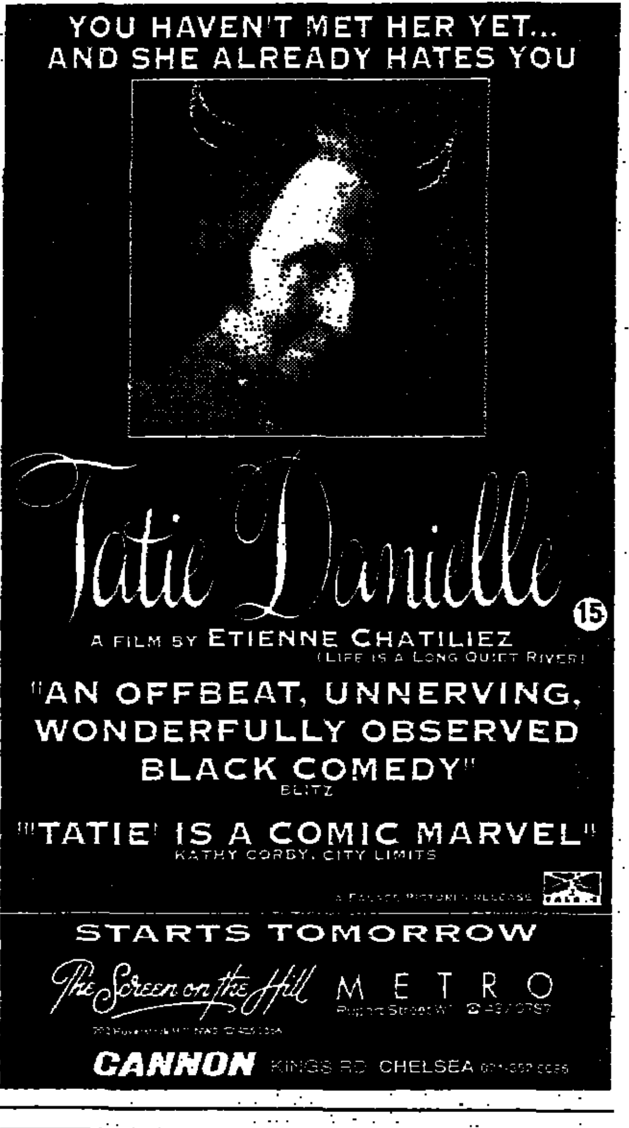

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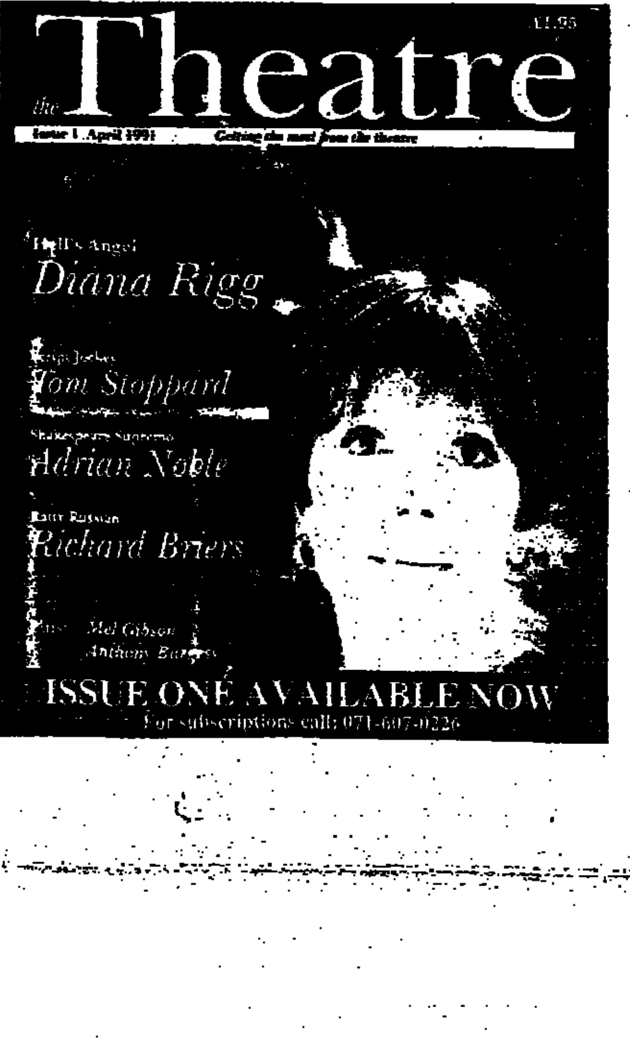

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Hope within a terrible litany

THEATRE

My Lovely . . . Shayna Maidel
Ambassadors

PEOPLE get separated by seas and national boundaries, but never more thoroughly than by the experiences they have undergone. How can a nice, normal New York girl understand the elder sister who, while she ate popcorn at Fred Astaire movies, was surviving a Nazi death-camp? What is she to make of the numbers tattooed on her arm, her sobbing nightmares, her blunt refusal to talk about the sufferings that caused them?

That is the predicament postulated by Barbara Lebow in this impressively sensitive play. The subject is the power of blood, ancestry and heritage. More specifically, it celebrates the basic solidarity of a Jewish family that Hitler, misfortune and its own errors have done everything to divide and wreck.

In the Twenties, sickness prevented Lusia Weiss and her mother joining her father and sister Rose on the boat from Poland to America. Later, the old man refused out of bloody-minded principle to accept the loan which would have brought them to safety. Now it is 1946, and too late: Lusia has lost mother and daughter to the ovens, and the husband she adores is missing.

Lebow records these events without emotional pyrotechnics; and in spite of that, or (probably) because of it, she seizes the heart. There is a remarkable scene in which Papa Weiss and the recently arrived Lusia compare lists of relatives, he putting forward a name, she replying with "murdered, Treblinka", "murdered, Birkenau", or "no record". The terrible litany ends with the death of the old man's infant granddaughter, "murdered, Auschwitz, 1943"; and yet the speakers remain calm, even dispassionate. What point railing or screaming? This is news from a place most of us are lucky enough never to visit, somewhere on the far side of outrage and pain.

Yesterday a supporting actress succumbed to appendicitis, bringing onstage an understudy with a script for the first night; but the acting did not noticeably suffer. Laurel Lefkow's Rose chatters while, almost against her will, beginning to deepen. John Burgess's Papa Weiss, though not the formidable patriarch his daughters speak of, exudes curt authority and brusque moral certainty. *Anita Dobson, her face greyer and* more battered than her Red Cross cardigan, achieves as much with her big, round eyes as with her broken English. When she sees the American abundance of her sister's flat, it is as if a cave-dweller had been time-warped 50,000 years forward. When she looks at the father whom she thinks destroyed her mother, *it is almost as* if she was X-raying his spirit.

Yet neither her performance nor the play is depressing. Increasingly it becomes clear that Lusia has sustained herself by concentrating on happy memories and on hope; and every now and then the action *moves either into* the Polish past or into an American fantasy. Lisa Forrell's production does not always avoid awkwardness here, or disguise a certain sentimentality *in the scenes between Lusia and* her husband, but that does not finally matter. Dobson has the lustre and warmth to carry an ending which reconciles the living *with the living and even the living* with the dead. The play is about atrocity, yes. It is also about human resilience.

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Reconciling the living and the dead: Anita Dobson and Peter O'Brien in *My Lovely . . . Shayna Maidel*

THEATRE

Our Own Kind
Bush

ROY MacGregor's play, his first, opens with a telling image. A schoolgirl on roller skates whizzes onto the stage and hurtles round the periphery, just managing not to scythe the legs of the audience, while two other characters advance from the surrounding darkness, pause while she circles them and walk off into the dark again. They are followed by a second couple, and then a third. After this the lights go up full and Lorna, the schoolgirl, grins. "Love thy neighbour?" she says. "I'd like to put a bomb under mine."

Telling it may be but, what exactly does it tell? That she can cheekily run rings round everyone in sight? *The first scenes suggest this is* what the author or his director, Dominic Dromgoole, has in mind, but by the end of the play her command of events has become significantly narrower. One character has killed an Asian by the canal; Lorna's father (Brian Protheroe) witnessed the murder and belatedly comes forward as witness; an amateur demagogue bangs on about the virus of immigration; and Lorna, affected by the savage consequences of all this, loses the sprightliness shown in the opening scene. As she also acts as chorus for many events, the *almost merry phrases in which she* chooses to recall them become increasingly hard to relate to what has taken place.

This uncertainty weakens the play's forceful line, as does the decision to include two speeches from the demagogue, a longish one delivered with menace over a game of chess with Lorna's dad, and an even longer one at a public meeting. Kevin Whately, more familiar as Inspector Morse's sidekick, speaks these with ready conviction but their gist should have been incorporated in dialogue. The placing of the public speech is also unfortunate, coming immediately before the interval so that *applause for the opportunity* to nip downstairs for a drink seems like approval of the bigotry. Perhaps this is deliberate.

But if his play's structure reveals a new writer's awkwardness, MacGregor's dialogue exhibits a true writer's verve. He is evidently a connoisseur of slobspeak, the mode of utterance favoured by Lorna's air-brained sister, snappily played by Jane Horrocks. But for Lorna, the moral centre of his play, he comes up with a stream of ironic wide-awake phrases, sharp enough to give her playground-cred at any school yet indicating *thought*, honesty and goodness. "Red-hot frenzifying" is a cherishable comment on the emotional mess around her.

Charlotte Coleman gives a captivating performance as *this* young hopeful, bright-eyed elfin. Nice playing too by Nisha Nayar as an ambitious schoolgirl.

Many of the scenes are short and end on some line that leaves its implications simmering during the scene-change. During these brief intervals, further unease is provided by Dean Brodrick's music which comes in two kinds: metallic, as if distant dustbins are being bashed, or slow and anxious, like ghosts advancing.

The action takes place in Bristol, and huge sepia photographs of the sheepfolds of England are visible behind Vicki Mortimer's peephole set. A state-of-the-nation play MacGregor has not managed, but as a creator of girl-talk he is spot on.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Captivating: Charlotte Coleman as the schoolgirl

CONCERT

LPO/Tennstedt
Festival Hall

WE NEED more heroes like Klaus Tennstedt. He is immensely popular, so the warmth of the applause that greeted him at the beginning of this concert of Czech music was entirely predictable, as were the cheers of elation that resounded when each piece finished.

During the music, Tennstedt's strength of purpose commands any audience's absolute attention. Those distractions of coughing, rustling and mumbling, all too common of late among sponsors' entourages, could scarcely be detected.

A long-suffering critic's cynicism apart, from the moment that Tennstedt launched the overture to Smetana's *The Bartered Bride* at a seemingly reckless speed, it was clear that the London Philharmonic would have to be on its mettle in order to go the distance with him.

The dazzlingly accurate scampering semiquaver passages and the carefree flavour of those folkish syncopations testified that both technique and spirit were well up to the mark. Even so, the odd hint of coarse brass playing sometimes threatened the reading's balance, as it did in Dvořák's Eighth Symphony. Rough, peasant-like horns are, of course, appropriate in obvious passages of the finale, though Tennstedt took care not to let that flavour inform the entire movement.

Once or twice, however, sheer enthusiasm gained the upper hand: for instance at the end of the second movement, where a rounder tone and more careful blend, even at a loud dynamic, might have been more apt. Yet such criticism (which applies also to the trumpets) fades almost to irrelevance in the face of the combined dynamism and thoughtfulness of the performance, which lent ample weight to the dramatic, as well light to the joyful, aspects of this symphony.

The cellos' big, ripe opening tune set the scene gloriously, while the LP's woodwind section, cultivated even by London standards, played a vital part in the impact of Tennstedt's reading. So did every musician, most prominently a now vast brass section, in Janáček's Sinfonietta, which proceeded like some well-oiled locomotive thundering through a majestic and varied landscape.

STEPHEN PETTITT

NEW RELEASES

◆ *THE BIG STEAL* (15): Mild Australian comedy. Teenagers dominate, but Steve Bisley (an unscrupulous car dealer) gets the best laughs. Director, Nadia Tass. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

◆ DESPERATE HOURS (15): Hideous remake of Joseph Hayes' thriller about a family taken hostage by criminals. Mickey Rourke, Anthony Hopkins; blunderbuss direction by Michael Cimino.
Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

GOLDEN BRAID (15): Paul Cox's fetchingly strange tale of a clock repairer's obsession with a braid of hair, adapted from de Maupassant. Chris Haywood, Gosia Dobrowolska.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561)
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ KING RALPH (PG): Thin, boring vehicle for the burly John Goodman — a genial American slob who ascends the British throne. Starring Peter O'Toole. Director: David S. Ward.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

MISTER JOHNSON (12): Bruce Beresford's engrossing adaptation of Joyce Cary's novel about culture clashes in colonial Nigeria. Maynard Eziashi lights up the screen as the native clerk caught between two worlds
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661)

CURRENT

AMERICAN FRIENDS (PG): Nineteenth-century romance between an Oxford don (Michael Palin) and a young American (Trini Alvarado). Slender, charming, tasteful, director, Tristram Powell.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697)

◆ AWAKENINGS (12): Tender, heart-tugging tale of neurologist Robin Williams stirring the life force in Robert De Niro and other patients stricken with paralysis
Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

C'EST LA VIE (12): Evocative autobiographical recollection by French director Diane Kurys: a childhood seaside holiday soured by marital breakup
Premiere (071-439 4470)

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard *Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-*nosed Cyrano, director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into magnificent, swashbuckling cinema
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

◆ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Winner of seven Oscars.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE FIELD (12): Richard Harris in Thirties Ireland, fighting for his land. Grandly visualised, but windy drama, from the *My Left Foot* team
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Minema (071-235 4225).

◆ THE GODFATHER PART III (15): Brooding finale to Francis Ford Coppola's Mafia saga, handsomely staged but lacking resonance. Al Pacino, Andy Garcia, Talia Shire.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy; director, Peter Weir.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034)
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

◆ THE GRIFTERS (18): Stephen Frears's disjointed version of Jim Thompson's con-artist thriller. John Cusack, Anjelica Huston, Annette Bening, stranded in a glossy limbo.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ JETSONS: THE MOVIE (U): Sit-com humour in a futuristic setting, a muddled attempt to bring the Sixties cartoon name before today's young audiences. Directors, William Hanna and Joe Barbera
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compellin drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647)

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Ups and downs of a North London family, depicted by master *caricaturist Mike Leigh. Droll, farcical, at* times oddly moving; with Alison Steadman.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691)

METROPOLITAN (15): Whit Stillman's wickedly ironic comedy of manners set amon New York's debutantes and preppies over one Christmas holiday
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

◆ MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): Eloquent portrait of an upper middle class American marriage, from Evan S. Connell's novels. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman; director, James Ivory
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

THE NASTY GIRL (PG): Provocative, funny assault on Germany's Nazi past, with Lena Stolze as the girl uncovering her home town's shady history.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

◆ POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE (15): Caustic Tinseltown comedy with a few tea from Carrie Fisher's novel. Meryl Streep as the drug-abused actress; Shirley MacLaine her mother. Director, Mike Nichols.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/ Mezzanine (071-930 6111)

◆ REVERSAL OF FORTUNE (15): Oscar-winner Jeremy Irons as the inscrutab Claus von Bulow, tried for the attempted murder of his wife. Brilliant unravelling of a recent enigma; director, Barbet Schroeder
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ THE RUSSIA HOUSE (12): Serpentine spy games with Sean Connery and Michell Pfeiffer. Muted thriller from John Le Carré's novel; director, Fred Schepisi.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Pla (071-497 9999)

☐ ANGELS STILL FALLING: The rise and drunken fall of Jack Kerouac, staged with verve at this new theatre space. Good mood-building jazz.
The Bird's *Nest*, 32 Deptford Church Street, SE8 (081-692 1928). British Rail: Deptford. Underground: New Cross. Wed-Sun, 8pm. Closes Sunday.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's haunting memory-play sets catholic prudery up against *pagan* ecstasy: Alec McCowen and Dublin's Abbey Theatre.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard stuff: mistresses, cover-ups and all that.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. *Running time: 2hrs 15mins.*

■ FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE: Marvellous jazzy revue packed with Louis Jordan numbers. An evening of joy
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3686). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 1hr 45mins.

☐ 42ND STREET: Irresistible tap-dancing novice-to-star musical back in town to give everyone a tonic.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Closes April 20.

☐ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's *Pinter revival.*
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, *mats* Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. *Running time: 2hrs 15mins.*

☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole back playing the drunk-about-town columnist for a limited run.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins. Closes May 25.

☐ KIT AND THE WIDOW LAVISHLY MOUNTED!: Urbane cabaret from Kit Hesketh-Harvey and Richard Sisson wittily pointing the finger at politics and culture.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 8pm, *Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. Running time: 2hrs.* Closes April 13

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of *current theatre in London*
■ House full, returns only
☒ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ MEETINGS: Revival of Mustapha Matura's 1982 play in praise of old Trinidad: Creole cooking v cancerous ciggies. Nicely acted, often hilarious.
Tricycle, 269 *Kilburn High Street*, NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground: Kilburn. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 10mins. Closes Saturday.

☐ MY LOVELY . . . SHAYNA MAIDEL: An Auschwitz survivor meets the American half *of her family: Anita Dobson in an* accomplished and powerful play.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

☐ OUR OWN KIND: *Charlotte Coleman* as a bright school girl caught up in a racial murder: Roy MacGregor's promising first play with excellent girl-talk. (see review, left)
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Underground: Shepherds Bush. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Closes April 27

☐ THE REHEARSAL: Ian McDiarmid's stylish production (costumes by Jasper Conran) of Anouilh's seduction play.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 6107). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☒ THE SHAPE OF THE TABLE: Last performances of David Edgar's crisply argued, almost elegiac view of a Communist state collapsing into democracy.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☒ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm.

☒ TIMON OF ATHENS: David Suchet suave and sulphurous in a modern-dress production by Trevor Nunn.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Underground: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm. Running time: 3hrs 15mins. Closes April 20

☐ TODAY'S YOUNG BARBARIANS: *Yesterday's avant-garde:* handsomely staged but frail piece by Arrabal Tours, a cross between cycle racing and Lewis Carroll.
Old Red Lion, St John's Street, N1 (071-837 7816). Underground: Angel. Tues-Sun, 8pm. Running time: 1hr 30mins. Closes April 13

☒ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's production stresses comedy and motive: Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Underground: Embankment. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 40mins.

☐ WHAT THE BUTLER SAW: Incest, assault and bisexual junketing preserved in aspic of Joe Orton's wit. Not quite a top-class production but worth seeing.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. Running time: 2hrs

☐ WHY IS HERE THERE EVERYWHERE NOW: Ingenious Lumiere Son production mixing up characters from Ibsen, Chekhov et al and bringing the au in on the action. Good fun
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Underground: Hammersmith. Sat, 7.30pm. Running time: 3hrs. Closes April 13.

LONG RUNNERS: ☒ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ☒ B Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . ☒ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ■ Cats: New London (071-40 0072) . . ☒ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . ■ Les Misérables: (071-434 0909) . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin (071-836 1443) ■ The Phantom of Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Plane: Cambridge (071-379 5299) ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-86 1118) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: (071-836 2132) . . . ☒ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ Th Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY: Another two transfers from Stratford begin previews at the RSC's London season: *Much Ado About Nothing*, directed by Bill *Alexander, with Roger Allam as Benedick,* Susan Fleetwood as Beatrice and George *Raistrick* as Dogberry (in the main theatre); and Tirso de Molina's *The Last Days of Don Juan*, revised by Nick Dear, directed by Danny Boyle, with Linus Roache as the rake, Sally Dexter as Catalina and Yolanda Vazquez as Donna Anna (Pit). *Much Ado* opens next Wednesday and *Last Days* next Tuesday.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm.

LEICESTER INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL: The festival continues with Stephen Petronio's company from New York, performing *MiddleSex Gorge*, which startled audiences at last autumn's Dance Umbrella with its corseted men (with guest dancer Michael Clarke); and on Friday, the first of two performances of Lea Anderson's *Opera Sportif*, a choreographic marriage of sport and dance involving 200 performers and people from the local community. The festival runs until April 28.
Leicester International Dance Festival (Festival Box Office: 0533 554854).

TODAY'S EVENTS

BANFF EXPERIENCE: Andrew Carnegie, a 40-year-old British Expressionist, has recently spent two months as a resident artist at the Banff Centre in Canada. The work is mostly religious, dark-toned and powerful.
Alberta House, Mount Street, London W1 (071-491 3430), 10am-5pm, closes tomorrow.

BRIEF ENCOUNTERS: The National Gallery's bright idea for enlivening the collection is to show two closely related paintings together under the label "Brief Encounters". The first in the series is "Samson and Delilah" by Rubens and Van Dyck, the latter from Dulwich Picture Gallery. For drama and character, Rubens is the clear winner.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (071-839 3321), 10am-6pm, until April 28.

NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN: Two massive, 20th-century tests of the NYO's prowess in this programme conducted by Christopher Adey: Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* and *Harmonielehre*, written about 70 years later by the American minimalist John Adams.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

HALLE: James Judd conducts a challenging all-Austrian programme: Ma grandiose Sixth Symphony, preceded b the first British performance of a chamb concerto, *Für Sechzehn*, by present-day Austrian Herbert Willi
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manches (061-834 1712), 7.30pm

IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA: Last performance this season conducted by talented Italian Carlo Rizzi (see *Last Chance*, page 19).
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30

DON GIOVANNI: English National Opera's dingy rerun of Jonathan Miller's original production with Peter Coleman-Wright in the title role, conducted by Ja Maksymiuk.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC (071-836 3161), 7pm.

SCOTT HAMILTON: Far more interesti than the Coltrane clones, Hamilton is a s tenor saxophonist who pays homage to giants from the golden age.
Pizza Express, Dean Street, London W1 ((071-437 9595), 8.30pm.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

LOGOGRIPH

(b) A word puzzle or enigma, involving anagrams, from the Greek *logos* a word + *griphos* a fishing basket or (hence?) a riddle: "The clue to this logograph lies in the numerical value of the letters forming the key-word."

HYETOGRAPHY

(a) The branch of meteorology that deals with the distribution and mapping of rainfall, from the Greek *huetos* rain + *graphein* to draw: "The rain-gauge is one of the most important instruments of hyetography."

EPENTHESIS

(b) Putting a sound or a letter into a word, uncalled for by etymology, from the Greek *epi-* in addition + *en* in + *thesis* placing: "Fambly for family, chimbley for chimney . . . The name for this phenomenon, from the Greek, is epenthesis."

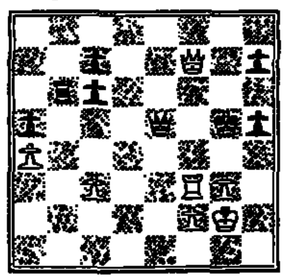
KEF

(c) A state of drowsiness induced by narcotics, from the Arabic *kaif* well-being: "To the Bedouin the greatest enjoyment is his kef, his perfect idleness."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Gubnicki — Gindin, Correspondence 1973. White has a chance to win with an accurate sequence. Can you work it out?



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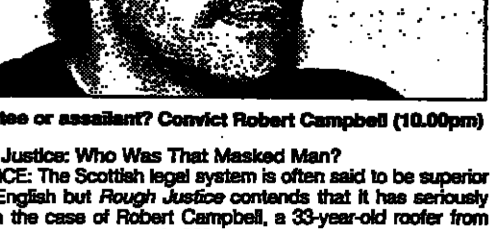

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y-Election Special. Nicholas Witchell presents coverage of the sult of the Neath by-election. *Ends at 2.15*

BBC 2

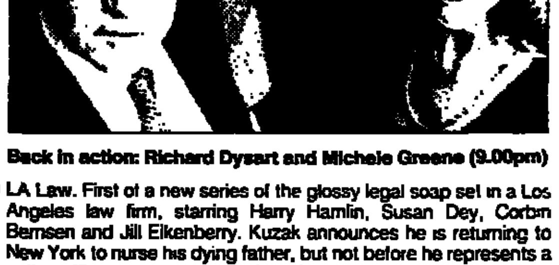
8.00 News 8.15 Holiday Outings to a hotel for pets (r)
8.20 Cabinet of Curiosities (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Film: The Falcon Takes Over (1942, b/w) starring George Sanders. The third Falcon adventure has the advantage of being based on Raymond Chandler's novel *Farewell, My Lovely*. Directed by Irving Reis
10.00 Film: Abbott and Costello in Hollywood (1945, b/w). Bud and Lou play a barber and porter respectively in a comical behind-the-scenes peek at the film capital. Directed by S. Sylvan Simon
11.20 Laurel and Hardy in *Towed in the Hole* (1932, b/w) (r)
11.45 The Honeymooners (b/w). Classic American sitcom from the Fifties
12.10 After Hours. American footballer Jim Everett is today's guest
12.30 Digging Up People. The first of two tributes to the late Sir Mortimer Wheeler (r)
1.20 Bump (r) 1.25 Animal Fair (r) 1.35 A Taste of Health introduced by Judith Hann (r)
2.00 News and weather. Followed by In the Garden. Dennis Cornish explains how to grow vegetables among the flowers in a herbacious border
2.20 Racing from Aintree. Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.10, 3.45 and 4.20 races. Plus the Queen Mother opening a new £2.8 million stand. News and wather at 3.00 and 3.55
4.35 Plunder. Comic actor Leslie Phillips joins Emma Freud to chose his selection of favourite clips from the television archives
5.05 One in Four. The magazine programme on disabled matters features reports on the fight of American war veterans for facilities and benefits
5.30 The Vet. Highland animal doctor George Rafferty braves treacherous conditions to reach a sick horse (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Film: Atlantis — The Lost Continent (1960). Special effects expert George Pal directed this misconceived fantasy adventure about the famous kingdom under the sea. Demetrios, a young Greek fisherman, rescues a beautiful princess from a shipwreck, but when he returns her to her island home he is enslaved. Stars Anthony Hall, Joyce Taylor, John Dall and Edward Platt. Wales: 40 Minutes — Chocolate! 6.40 City Lights 7.10 Gardening Together
7.30 First Sight: A Crumbling Heritage. A report on the state of Britain's historic buildings — who is responsible for their upkeep? Northern Ireland: Open All Hours; England: Midlands — Midlands Report; North, Northeast and Northwest: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; Southwest: Western Approach; West: Current Account; Wales (7.40-8.30): Statements
8.00 City Lights. Scottish comedy series by Bob Black in which Willie Melvin (Gerard Kelly) is waiting for his first big break as a writer. But with Chancer and Tam as his helpers, it is a safe bet that he will foul up again. (Ceefax)
8.30 Top Gear. William Woollard puts the new Ford, Fiat and Nissan estate cars through their paces
9.00 Up Pompeii. Welcome repeat of this ancient comedy series starring Frankie Howerd as the indolent slave Lurcio

Shooting the victim: video cameraman T.C. Cintron (9.30pm)

9.30 40 Minutes: Video Vultures.
● CHOICE: T.C. Cintron is a burly New Yorker from the Bronx who makes his living selling video news footage to television stations. Driving the streets at night, he picks up radio messages from the police and emergency services and makes for the latest murder, suicide or disaster. With New York having 5,000 homicides a year there is a no lack of material, although Cintron knows that his customers will take only the best stories. One death can become much like another. John Alexander's splendid film follows Cintron over a week in which the outbreak of the Gulf war first threatened his business and then gave him a scoop when a car plunged into an anti-war demo, causing many casualties. Cintron claims that he always shoots his scenes "with respect" but at the end of the day he has a living to make and it depends on what he can sell. His wife often goes with him: "It gets my blood going." (Ceefax)
10.10 The Staggering Stories of Ferdinand De Bargos: Of Love and Pandas. Return of the offbeat comedy series that uses news and archive footage to tell some unusual tales
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather
12.00 Weekend Outlook. A preview of Open University programmes. Ends at 12.05am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 Out of This World. Comedy series about Evie, a teenager whose father is an alien. With Donna Pescow and Doug McClure
10.30 This Morning. Magazine show hosted by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan
12.10 The Riddlers. Puppet series for children
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice. Australian soap set in a rural community health centre
2.20 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular television programmes 2.50 Jumble. Jeff Stevenson hosts the cryptic cartoon quiz with celebrity guests David Jensen and Alison Holloway
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors
3.55 Art Attack. Neil Buchanan returns with a new series of the innovative art show and starts with a fly-swat painting 4.15 Disney's Duck Tales 4.40 Spatz. Children's comedy set in a fast food restaurant
5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with advice on home education for parents with children who have a fear of school
6.00 Home And Away (r)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. Happy hour at the Woolpack means misery for Turner. (Oracle)
7.30 Jimmy's. Fly-on-the-wall documentary filmed in St James's Hospital, Leeds. A mother from North Yorkshire undergoes a major hysterectomy operation while Val Skirrow has surgery to treat cervical cancer. Cancer sufferer Walter Jowett learns of the success of his chemotherapy treatment and the third-year medical students start swotting for their end of year exams
8.00 The Bill. Concluding *Cold Turkey*, the story which began on Tuesday. A man armed with a knife is holding a child hostage and WPC Ackland (Trudie Goodwin) believes she can talk him out. Meanwhile, time is running out for Chief Inspector Conway (Ben Roberts). (Oracle)
8.30 This Week: The Al-Sabah Files. One month after the liberation of Kuwait, *This Week* produces evidence of incompetence and nepotism among the ruling élite of the sheikdom (Oracle)

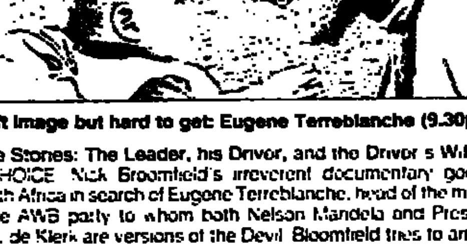


Back in action: Richard Dysart and Michele Greene (9.00pm)

9.00 LA Law. First of a new series of the glossy legal soap set in a Los Angeles law firm, starring Harry Hamlin, Susan Dey, Corbin Bernsen and Jill Eikenberry. Kuzak announces he is returning to New York to nurse his dying father, but not before he represents a police officer pressured to resign after his homosexuality is made public. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 The City Programme analyses Britain's £4.5 billion betting industry
11.20 01. Guide to the arts, entertainment and life in London
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Camp Australian soap set in a women's detention centre
12.30am Contacts. Television dating service presented by Trevor Ward and Susy Smith
1.00 If Tomorrow Comes. Second part of Sidney Sheldon's mini-series about a young woman who becomes a high-class jewel thief after being wrongly accused of attempted murder. With Madolyn Smith and Tom Berenger. (r)
3.00 Hardball. American drama series starring John Ashton and Richard Tyson as maverick policemen
4.00 Three's Company. American sitcom starring John Ritter as the lone male in a female household
4.40 America's Top Ten (r)
5.00 Videofashion. A look at fashionable footwear (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 **The Poetry Book.** Paul Scofield reads *Bishop Hatto* by Robert Southey
9.30 **California Off Beat.** Wayne Freedman takes a further look at Californian eccentricities (r)
10.00 **The Horse in Sport.** The first of a series of seven programmes on how horses are used in modern sport investigates rodeos (r)
11.00 **Fragile Earth.** Are Scotland's Cairngorm mountains under threat from skiers, hillwalkers, wildlife and forestry? Hannah Gordon narrates (r)
12.00 **Noah's Ark.** Wildlife in and out of the great Amazon river (r)
12.30 **Business Daily** presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 **Sesame Street.** With guest Lena Horne
2.00 **On the March.** Looking at the history of the pioneering cinema magazine *The March of Time*, and some of the stories screened in 1935, its first year (r)
2.30 **Film: The Bowery** (1933, b/w). Boisterous action comedy set in New York's Bowery in the 1890s with Wallace Beery and George Raft as rival saloon owners, helped and hindered by Jackie Cooper and Fay Wray. Directed by Raoul Walsh
4.10 **Belgica Magica.** Short film exploring Belgium's mysterious underground caves (r)
4.30 **Fifteen-To-One.** William G. Stewart presents the fast moving quiz show
5.00 **The Adventures of TinTin.** Episode seven of *Shooting Star* (r)
5.05 **The Oprah Winfrey Show.** *Women choose new girlfriends for their old flames.* Will the pairings work, or is it merely revenge? The audience decides
6.00 **The People's Game.** Continuing the history of football which has now moved on from its medieval mob days to the golden years of 1954 to 1970, with the advent of Real Madrid, the rise of Hungary, and the emergence of the Brazilian star Pele
6.15 **Gazza's Soccer School.** Football teaching with Spurs and England star Paul Gascoigne
6.30 **Kate & Allie.** American comedy series starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin (r)
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext)
7.50 **Comment** followed by **Weather**
8.00 **Spaceship Earth.** A global view via satellite of the world's great river basins and their water courses, and how these affect the lives of the people who live along the banks
8.30 **The Crystal Maze.** More devious games await the team of contestants racing against time towards the Crystal Dome accompanied by maze-master Richard O'Brien



Soft image but hard to get: Eugene Terreblanche (9.30pm)

9.30 True Stories: The Leader, his Driver, and the Driver's Wife.
● CHOICE: Nick Broomfield's irreverent documentary goes to South Africa in search of Eugene Terreblanche, head of the militant white AWB party to whom both Nelson Mandela and President F.W. de Klerk are versions of the Devil. Bloomfield tries to arrange an interview but Terreblanche plays hard to get. After being stood up several times, Bloomfield tries another approach by making friends with Terreblanche's driver, J.P. Meyer. Despite having just spent three months in jail for suspected terrorism, Meyer is surprisingly co-operative and quite a character. So is Mrs Meyer, a jovial health visitor who gives out condoms to blacks apparently without incurring AWB wrath. As a running gag Broomfield's pursuit of the Terreblanche interview eventually wears thin, especially as Terreblanche's public utterances, delivered in a Hitler-like rant, say all that needs to be said about the man and his ideology
11.10 Film: Garbo Talks (1984). The British premiere of a low-key but likeable comedy with Anne Bancroft as a terminally ill Garbo fan, obsessed with seeing her idol in person before dying. Her son Gilbert (Ron Silver) determines to fulfil his mother's wish and goes to New York to seek out the reclusive star. Directed by Sidney Lumet
1.10am East End GPs. Daunting health problems caused by poverty and poor housing face local doctors in their everyday work in London's Tower Hamlets. This documentary charts the experiences of four GPs and their frustration at their inability to influence the social and economic factors determining their patients' health (r). Ends at 2.10

VARIATIONS

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HTV WEST

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HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Wales & Westminster 10.40-11.40 The Committee

TSW

As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Film: S.O.B. 1.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 1.30 Film: The Diamond Mercenaries 3.20 CinemAttractions 3.50 Night Beat 4.50 The Comedy Store 5.00-5.30 Short Story Theatre

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 This Way Out 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05 Glass Babies 1.50 The World of Golf 2.20 Film: Torture Garden 4.05 Beyond 2000 5.00-5.30 Coast to Coast People

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Gardening Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Married With Children 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.30 The Equalizer 1.30 Film: The Diamond Mercenaries 3.20 CinemAttractions 3.50 Night Beat 4.50 The Comedy Store 5.00-5.30 Short Story Theatre

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 The Irish News Ulster Schools Quiz 1991 7.30-8.00 Survival 10.45 Money Talks 11.15 The World of Golf 11.40 Re-Awakenings 12.35 The Equalizer 1.30 Film: The Diamond Mercenaries 3.20 CinemAttractions 3.50 Night Beat 4.50 The Comedy Store 5.00-5.30 Short Story Theatre

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.10 Time Please! 11.40 Film: American Flyers 1.45 Night Heat 2.40 America's Top Ten 3.10 CinemAttractions 3.40 Music Box 4.40-5.30 Jobfinder

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Starts: 6.00am The Art of Landscape 6.30 C4 Daily 9.25 Sesame Street 10.25 Film: Wabash Avenue 12.05 Sbectol 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Spaceship Earth 2.30 Film: Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Tonight with Jonathan Ross 5.45 Hano 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Hano 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Cantod 7.30 Bwrw Mlaen 8.00 Wadio 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Pelydr X 9.25 Film: Melancholia 11.10 Vic Reeves Big Night Out 11.40 Absolutely 12.25 Call of the Wild 1.50 Canlyniad Is-Etholiad Castell Nedd 2.30 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 1.00pm News 1.35 Victorian Kitchen Garden 2.05 The Love Boat 3.00 Live At Three 4.00 News followed by Racing and Snooker 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.45 Garda Patrol 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 Hands 8.05 Father Dowling 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Challenging Times 10.40 Snooker 11.35 News 11.45 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 12.10pm Film: Incredible Journey 1.30 Bosco 2.00 Sports Special 4.00 The Den 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.05 Cursai 7.30 Head of the Class 8.00 News followed by The Grand Ole Opry 8.30 When The Lines Are Wavering 9.00 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd 9.30 News followed by Snooker 10.25 Nighthawks 11.05 News 11.25 Close

RADIO 3

ather and News nes g Concert: Bruch ish Dances, Op 63: Gewandhaus stra under Kurt Masur); dos (The Beauty and the ngale: Alicia de ha, piano); Josef s (Waltz: Village ws from Austria: go SO under Fritz)
7.35 Morning Concert Beethoven (The cration of the House: Gewandhaus stra under Masur); ebs (Concerto in B or oboe, harpsichord ings: Camerata Bern Alexander van Wijnkoop einz Holliger, Christiane tet); Schubert (Twelve n Dances, D790: Cooper, piano); Alfven sh Rhapsody No 2: olm PO under Järvi)
sers of the Week: (1756-91). Overture, arriage of Figaro: 18th- y Orchestra under ruggen. Concert aria, alfin il momento . . . Al chi t'adora, K577: CO under Gyorgy with Teresa Berganza, ; Piano Concerto No K503: ECO under Tate, with Mitsuko piano; Concert aria: i scordo di te, K505: CO under Fischer man Baroque: n (Water Music: Antiqua Köln under d Goebel); Handel a, Alpestre monte: y of Ancient Music hristopher Hogwood, ma Kirkby, soprano); (Capriccio No 4 in A: ta Bern under p); J.C.F. Bach , The American Girl: ine Konzert under n Max with Barbera soprano); Zelenka nata No 6 in C minor: olliger, Maurice , oboes, Klaus ann, bassoon, Lucio lla, double bass, e Jaccottet, ord). Bach burg Concerto No 1 hestra of the Age of nment under e Mackintosh)
11.30 BBC Scottish SO under James de Preist performs works by Mozart and Rachmaninov
1.00pm News 1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Kreutzer String Quartet with Mary King, mezzo, performs works by Foulds and Schoenberg, live from Pebble Mill
2.00 Souvenirs of Chabrier: Roger Nichols discusses the art, character and musical reputation of Emmanuel Chabrier (1841-94) (r)
2.45 Alcyne: Marin Marais's *Tragédie lyrique* is sung in French (text by Antoine Houda de la Motte) by Les Musiciens du Louvre, with Jennifer Smith, Gilles Ragon, Philippe Huttenlocher, Sophie Boulin, Bernard Delettré, Jean-Paul Fouchecourt and Véronique Gens
5.40 Mainly for Pleasure with Brian Wright 7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Nicholas Kenyon, Colin Lawson and Anton Weinberg on Mozart's Clarinet *Concerto*
7.30 Towards the Millennium: The CBSO under Simon Rattle with Cécile Ousset, piano, performs Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor, Op 30); Suk (Symphony in C minor, Op 27, "Asrael")
9.40 Riding Pants:
● CHOICE: Radio 3's answer to Radio 4's thriller about unfulfilment (see 3.00pm listing, right) is Harry Towb's reading of a Bernard Malamud story about a butcher's son whose equestrian longings are frustrated by his father's determination that he, too, should live a life circumscribed by blood, guts, and chicken feathers. Given the visceral nature of this yarn, the compassionate touches are remarkable. If you suffer from claustrophobia, be warned: there is an ice-box sequence that may cause an eruption of cold sweat
10.00 Goehr and Beethoven: The Hartley Piano Trio performs Goehr (Piano Trio, Op 20); Beethoven (Piano Trio in B flat, Op 97 (r)
11.00 Don't Shoot the Pianist — He *May be a Guitar Player*: Francis Wilford-Smith uncovers some hidden truths about blues guitarists
11.30 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Tchaikovsky (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today; incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
8.43 Country Tales: The Little Farm by H.E. Bates
8.58 Weather 9.00 News
9.05 Punters: including an item on the noise of cinema snacking
9.45 Letter From The Balkans: Misha Glenny looks at this troubled region
10.02 News; The Natural History Programme
10.45 An Act of Worship: Reflecting on the concerns of the day (s)
11.00 News; Citizens (s)
11.25 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to composer and conductor Antony Hopkins
11.50 First Person (new series): Ex-punk Mark Davies Markham on The Clash as a seller of jeans (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue: comedy by Stephen Sheridan (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to Lynda La Plante, television actress turned script-writer, about women detectives, widows and the Mafia
3.00 The Last Castrato
● CHOICE: You could lose patience with Anthony George's psychological thriller if you find it hard to accept that, in one and the same play, all three key characters are crippled by frustrated ambition — the pen-pushing desk sergeant (John Duttine), the reclusive mathematical wonder man (Garard Green), and the clairvoyant widower (Gerry Hinks) whose visions of the predicament of a missing boy singer involve the sharp implement that is shudderingly implied by the play's title. If *The Last Castrato* does nothing else, it reminds us how much poorer the world of song is because of the scarcity of eternal altos (s)
4.00 News 4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to contemporary novelists Paul Auster, Susan Hill and David Lodge about what motivates them
4.30 Kaleidoscope: a feature on *Oedipus Rex* by the Asian Theatre Group Tara Arts; a report on the Birmingham Jazz Dance Project; a review of *Our Own Kind* at the Bush Theatre; and interviews with two winners of the 1991 Peterloo Poetry Awards (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; incl Financial Report
6.30 Trivia Test Match: Brian Johnston umpires another test of wit (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Soundtrack: Warthogs Over Woodbridge. RAF Bentwaters near Woodbridge is home to the USAF 81st Tactical Fighter Wing and during the Gulf war reporter Pat Rowe spent a week there with the men and women whose lives centre on one thing — keeping the Warthogs flying (s)
8.00 Analysis: From Clogs to Clogs? Peter Hennessy concludes his examination of Britain's economic under-performance
8.45 Does He Take Sugar?
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Journal of a Disappointed Man. Jeremy Nicholas reads from W.N.P. Barbellion's best seller. This intimate diary kept by a naturalist, dying in his twenties, is a poignant classic (part 8) (s)
11.00 September Song: Separations written by Ken Blakeson (s)
11.30 An Inland Donkey: The White Chemise. David Bean takes Robert Louis Stevenson as his guide to the Massif Central in France
11.45 Soldiers and Innocents by Russell Celyn Jones (part 4) (s)
12.00 News 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.44 Close

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.50 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and The Beautiful 11.30 The Young and The Restless 12.30pm Sale Of The Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love At First Sight 7.30 In Living Color 8.00 The Simpsons 8.30 Wings 9.00 Wiseguy 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Night Court 11.00 The Outer Limits 12.00 Pages From Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the Hour.
5.00am Sky News Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.00 Sky News Dayline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Sky News Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today, part one 1.30 NBC Today, part two 2.30 CBS News, part one 3.30 CBS News, part two 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 8.30 Newsline 9.30 Target 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am CBS Evening News 1.30 NBC Nightly News 2.30 CBS Evening News 3.30 NBC Nightly News 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox (1976): A comedy-Western, with George Segal, Goldie Hawn and Conrad Davis
12.00 Illegal (1955, b/w): A former district attorney becomes mixed up with the mob and has to defend a gangster client. With Edward G. Robinson and Jayne Mansfield
2.00pm *I Will Fight No More Forever* (1975): True story of an Indian chief who attempted to move his tribe to safety in Canada. Stars James Whitmore, Ned Romero, Sam Elliott and Nick Ramus
4.00 Wizards (1977): An animated science-fiction tale set in a post-holocaust world
6.00 Imagine: John Lennon (1988): A documentary about the life of Lennon
7.40 Entertainment Tonight.
8.00 Cocktail (1988): Tom Cruise as a just-demobbed soldier who travels to New York with the intention of bettering himself
9.40 Projector
10.00 The Initiation (1983): A group of young girls are terrorised by a knife-wielding maniac
11.35 Invasion Earth: The Aliens are Here! (1988): A story about invading aliens, using clips from hordes of memorable B-movie classics
1.00am Physical Evidence (1989): A beautiful attorney (Theresa Russell) agrees to defend a tough cop (Burt Reynolds) and finds love gets in the way
2.40 Capone (1975): A screen biography of one of America's most notorious gangsters
4.20 Dudes (1986). An unusual tale of three guys who leave New York looking for adventures on the open road. Ends at 5.50am

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Today 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 Ski-Jumping World Cup Final 8.30 World Championship Ice Hockey 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 Volvo Firenze Open Golf 12.00 Ski-Jumping World Cup Final 12.30pm Rally Challenge 1.00 Alpine World Cup Skiing 2.00 Estoril Open Tennis 5.00 Mobil 1 Motor Sport 5.30 Karate World Championships, part two 6.00 Freestyle Skiing 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Equestrianism 8.00 Super Funboard World Cup 9.00 World Championship Ice Hockey *11.00 Estoril Open Tennis*

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
7.00am Ice Racing 7.30 British Open Rally Championships 8.00 Motor Sport F3 8.30 US Pro Boxing 10.00 Stop — Supercross 11.00 World Snooker Classics 1.00pm Mobil 1 Rally Challenge 1.30 Sport De France 2.00 Powersports International 3.00 NHL Ice Hockey 5.00 Stop — USWA Wrestling The Main Event 6.00 Ice Racing 6.30 Motor Sport F3 7.00 Major League Baseball 8.00 Citroen Ski Europe 9.00 Spanish Football 11.30 US PGA The Players Championship

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00 Divorce Court 2.25 Lifestyle Plus 2.35 Monty Nash 3.05 Remington Steele 3.55 Lifestyle Tea Break 4.05 Doc 4.35 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marco Polo satellite
3.05pm French Without Tears (1940, b/w) A young Briton (Ray Milland) fights to win a beautiful French girl in this romantic comedy
4.30 The Black Book (1949, b/w) Period adventure yarn set during the French Revolution. Starring Robert Cummings and Arlene Dahl
6.00 Daisy Miller (1974) Peter Bogdanovich's musical adaptation of the Henry Miller novel
8.00 Three O'Clock High (1987) A teenage student upsets the school bully and awaits a showdown
10.00 Joyriders (1989): Two misfits come together in a coffee house in Dublin. Starring Patricia Kerrigan, Andrew Connolly, Billie Whitelaw and John Kavanagh
11.40 Stars and Bars (1988) A comedy of manners with Daniel Day Lewis, Martha Plimpton, Harry Dean Stanton, Maury Chaykin and Joan Cusack
1.15am Little Fauss and Big Halsey (1970). Halsey (Robert Redford) is a motorcyclist banned from racing and Fauss (Michael J Pollard) a daydreamer. The two form an unlikely alliance

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

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2.00pm Scottish FA Cup semi-final 4.00 Fishing the West 5.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 6.00 The IBM ATP Tennis Magazine 7.00 Torque 8.00 Australian Rugby League 10.00 Red Line 11.00 Day at the Beach 12.00am Rugby League

THE POWER STATION

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RADIO 1

6.00am Gary King 8.30 Phillip Schofield 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News 91 6.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Top of the Pops (with BBC1) 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Rap Selection with Pete Tong 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 Bob Harris 2.00 Close

RADIO 2

6.00am Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Katie Boyle 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Brian Matthew 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The News Huddlines 7.30 Wally Whyton 9.00 Gloria Gaynor with the best of black gospel 9.45 A Wealth of Wisdom "Newley, New York and Noel". Norman Wisdom recalls highlights from his life with Michael Pointon 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade with Peter Clayton 12.35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition with Jon Briggs; incl News & Sport at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 Take Five Games, quizzes and competitions with Andy Crane 10.25 1,2,3,4,5 for toddlers 10.40 Health Show with Angela Rippon; incl 11.00 and 12.00 News & Sport 12.30pm Invitation to Dinner, Susan Marling visits a Spanish family living in Kensal Rise 1.00 News & Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 News & Sport 2.05 1,2,3,4,5 for toddlers 2.20 Racing from Aintree 4.35 Five Aside with Sue McGarry and Julian Worricker 7.20 Benjamin Black 7.35 The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett 8.05 Contact Point with Arabella Warner. Children's problems 8.30 Formula Five 9.00 Euromix with Caron Keating 9.30 Dragnet. Jack Webb American fifties detective drama 10.00 News & Sport 10.10 Eastern Beat: Youth magazine live from Birmingham; incl Sport 11.00, 12.00 News & Sport 12.10am Close

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST 5.00 Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 Financial News 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours; News Summary and Financial News 8.30 Network UK 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Cooking the Books 9.30 John Peel 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report live 10.30 The Farming World 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Assignment 11.30 Londres Midi 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Not As Far As Velma 1.00 News 1.09 News about Britain 1.15 Multitrack 2 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the shelf: Utopia 3.45 Recording of the Week 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.29 News summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Derniere 8.30 Seven Seas 8.45 The Farming World 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Global Concerns 11.20 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05 World Business Report 12.15 Music Review 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Prokofiev 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Seven Seas 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Not As Far As Velma 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Focus on Faith 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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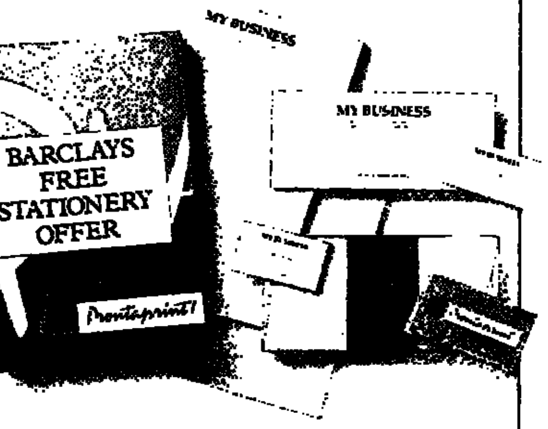

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Heseltine caps three Tory councils over poll tax

By Philip Webster and Paul Wilkinson

MICHAEL Heseltine, the environment secretary, yesterday named 14 local authorities, including three Conservative-controlled councils, that are to be capped for setting budgets above the government spending limits.

The first Tory councils to be penalised under the poll tax capping rules are Somerset, Warwickshire and Langbaurgh, on Teesside. In spite of the anger of the Tory councils, it was a clear attempt to convince voters that while the poll tax lives the government will protect them from high-spending. Although the poll tax in its present form is going, it will continue for at least two years while its replacement is prepared.

Capped councils said vital services would be threatened and Labour dubbed Mr Heseltine "unelected mayor of England". Labour said the announcement was further proof that Whitehall was grabbing power from the town halls.

Only three of the 17 councils warned by Mr Heseltine on March 13 that they faced capping have reduced their budgets sufficiently. They are the Conservative-controlled Berkshire, and Doncaster and Barnsley. The remaining 11 capped councils are Labour-led. They are Basildon, Bristol, Greenwich, Ipswich, Lambeth, Middlesbrough, Milton Keynes, Norwich, Reading, Stoke-on-Trent and Wirral.

Mr Heseltine is to press ahead with cutting their budgets in spite of the VAT-financed £140 a head cut in the poll tax announced in the Budget. The capping rules apply to council budgets rather than their individual community charges.

Mr Heseltine said yesterday that most authorities had set sensible and realistic budgets but the 14 had set budgets that were excessive or represented too large an increase over the previous year. The councils have 28 days to accept the proposed caps or to put forward clear statements explaining why their budgets should be accepted.

The proposals would cut Lambeth's poll tax, at £590 the highest in the country, to £402. The Budget reduced it to £450 and Mr Heseltine's demand that the council's budget should be cut by £8 million will reduce the charge by a further £48.

Bryan Gould, shadow environment secretary, said: "Today's announcement negates accountability and is an act of centralised power outside our experience." The alleged overspending for which the capping had been introduced paled besides government spending on the poll tax.

Somerset council will discuss the capping next Wednesday, when a decision on an appeal will be made. Warwickshire will also consider an appeal.

Saddam lost the WAR - and the KURDS lost the PEACE...
KURDS FLEE

Border closed

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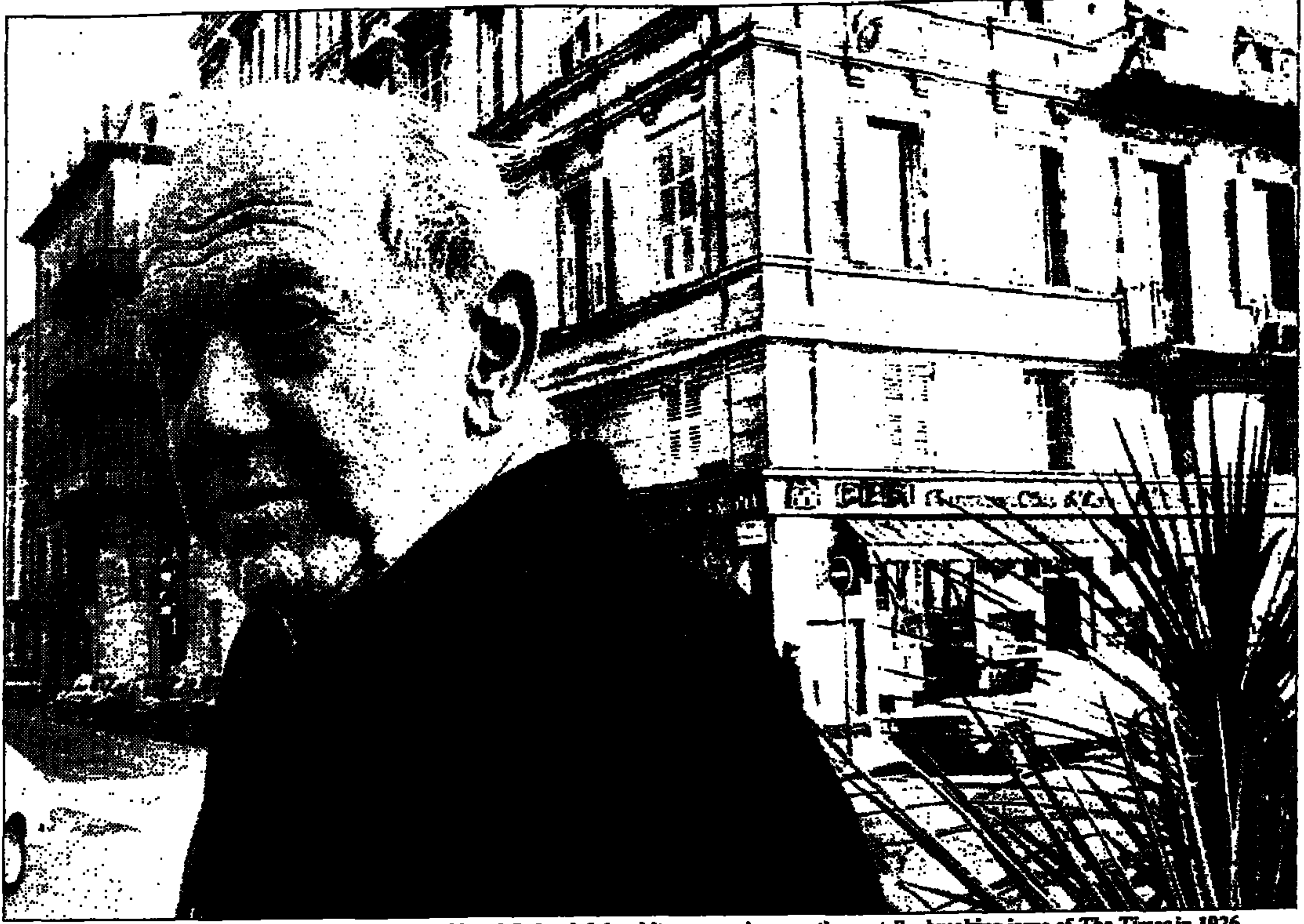
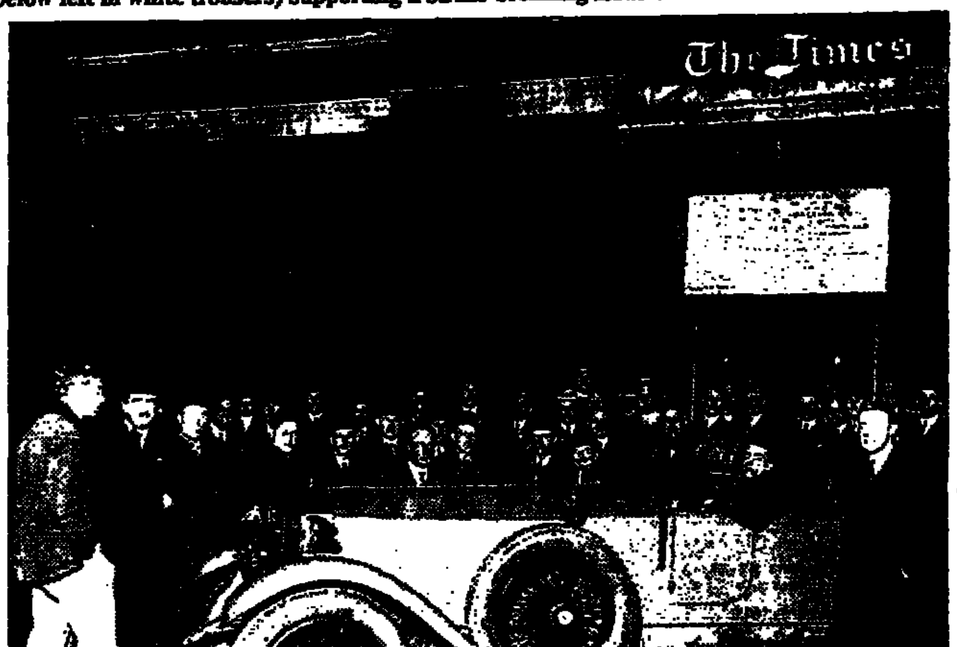
carried out there," he said. "They exterminated people. Tanks drove over people and corpses." The rebels said they still held the outskirts of the city, but the people were fleeing in terror.

Latif Rashid, of the Iraqi Kurdistan Front, said helicopter gunships were strafing convoys of refugees. Phosphorus and napalm bombs were being fired by long-range artillery. Mr Rashid appealed to America and its allies to act.

President Rafsanjani of Iran also came close to calling for allied intervention, saying: "It is surprising that they are overlooking such heart-rending tragedies with an air of indifference." But America was adamant that it must stay out of the civil war. "There's no change," an aide to President Bush, who is fishing in Florida, said. "We're satisfied with the policy."

MARK ELLIDGE





An Englishman abroad: Greene in Nice in 1982 and (below left in white trousers) supporting a strike-breaking issue of *The Times* in 1926

Greene is hailed as the greatest

By Simon Tait and John Phillips

GRAHAM Greene was "until today our greatest living novelist", Sir Kingsley Amis said in tribute yesterday.

At 86, Greene was still dedicated to his compulsion, work. He was preparing a study of his own dreams, to be called *A World of My Own*, Max Reinhardt, his publisher and friend for 30 years, said. "He said he was making very good progress with it," Mr Reinhardt said. "He was unhappy unless he was working hard on something."

The literary world has always been puzzled that Greene never won the Nobel Prize for literature. Baroness James, the novelist P.D. James, said: "It has always seemed reprehensible." Mr Reinhardt said Greene had been blocked by a Nobel committee member who had taken a dislike to one of his plays. Greene was, however, "immensely proud to have been awarded the Order of Merit in 1986, even if it was seen as some sort of consolation prize", Mr Reinhardt said.

Sir Alec Guinness, star of the 1960 film *Our Man in Havana*, said: "He was a great writer who spoke brilliantly to a whole generation. He was almost prophet-like, with a surprising humility."

Auberon Waugh, the novelist and editor of *The Literary Review*, said: "He was a profound influence not just on writers. He was a good man and a confused man who did not always follow logic."

Sir Kingsley said: "He will be missed all over the world. Until today, he was our greatest living novelist." The earlier novels, such as *The Power and the Glory* and *Heart of the Matter*, were classics, he said.

Admiration of Greene among fellow novelists was not unalloyed, however. Anthony Powell, who was at Balliol with Greene, said bluntly: "We remained on good enough terms, but did not like each other's books." John Fowles said: "I am not quite sure he was a great writer, but he was significant for so well reflecting the slightly unhappy soul of this century. He was a great artist, a great narrator and a great story teller."

Greene, once a *Times* journalist, lived at Antibes for more than 35 years until he sought medical treatment in Switzerland. Clients at a small portside restaurant in the French resort at which Greene was a regular customer raised a glass in his memory yesterday and the proprietor paid tribute to the author's catholic taste in cuisine.

"He knew what he liked," said M Felix, patron of Chez Felix. "He obviously had his habits. Normally he would eat a *foie de veau grillé* with puré or a *filet de bouef fait à la minute*. He used to come here for lunch practically every day."

Greene had been planning to return to Antibes after Easter, M Felix said. The writer's apartment was decorated simply with a portrait of himself, a potted shrub and a vast quantity of books. He had little contact with other residents in recent years except for a tobacconist from whom he bought English newspapers.

Pierre Merli, mayor of Antibes, said Greene had written to him on March 7, expressing hope of returning to France after living near the Swiss hospital that had treated him since he became ill.

Caroline Bourget, his daughter, said in Switzerland yesterday: "He had a good life, you know."

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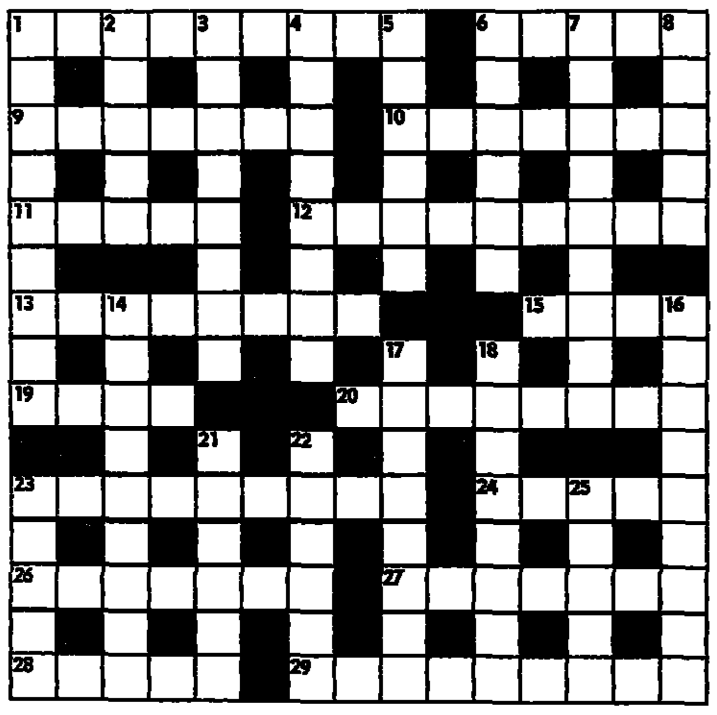


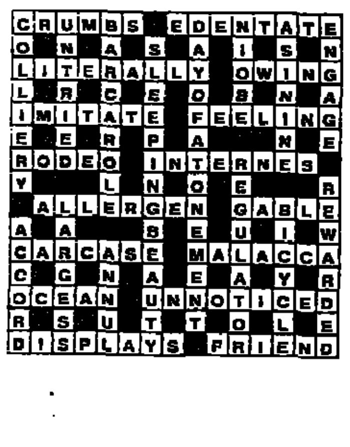
ACROSS

1 He's *after the others, like* Johnny (4,5).
6 Contemptuous expression for soft wood (5).
9 Run golf trip for a lot of Poles, say(7).
10 He is in a mad crew (7).
11 Poor Lily died in this poem (5).
12 Chinese as spoken in Switzerland? (9).
13 Unusual car route for one in Brussels (8).
15 Boss makes ten redundant from workroom (4).
19 *Rasselas* returned in part exchange (4).
20 Shaw's home owners have no Dutch (8).
23 Topping performance (9).
24 A Roman mother, wife to the *king* (5).
26 Heavy lorry parking inside the plant (7).
27 The old city quarter is without a messenger (7).
28 South Eastern circuit starts to pass into disuse (5).
29 Play about man who shoots a second time (9).

DOWN

1 The height of pride? (9).
2 Wait — a sailor is on the line! (5).
3 Antique stones set in a ring (8).
4 Like J.W. Wells, a good speller (8).
5 Joke — too blue, perhaps (6).
6 No part exchange for this customer (6).
7 Drive member to foot fault (6-3).
8 Flinch, being caught in hock perhaps (5).
14 Presumably it showed the way to Mafeking (6,3).
16 HMS Kali? (9).
17 Mr, in some letters, is an incorrect form of address (8).
18 Private Hill is up in bunk (5-3).
21 Passive verbal noun (6).
22 Piece of cake eaten outside (6).
23 Out of a hundred, the Spanish are top (5).
25 Commercial vehicle in traffic (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,570



Concise crossword, page 15

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

LOGOGRIPH
a. A cosine
b. A word puzzle
c. Misuse of a word

HYETOGRAPHY
a. Study of rainfall
b. Forged hand-writing
c. A cipher

EPENTHESIS
a. A break in a line
b. Insertion of a sound
c. A dirge or mourning verse

KEF
a. Kinetic Electrical Field
b. A master key
c. A narcotic dreamy repose

Answers on page 20

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WEATHER

Today will be unsettled, wet and windy in all areas. Northern Ireland, Wales and western England will begin cloudy with rain, spreading everywhere except northern Scotland by early afternoon. This afternoon and this evening, most areas will be brighter, but still with showers. It will be windy, with gales on southern and south-western coasts and Scottish coasts. Outlook: unsettled, with rain, and windy.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle, fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	f	Majorca	18	66	s
Akrotiri	18	64	f	Malaga	20	68	f
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Malta	15	59	c
Algiers	20	68	s	Melb'rne	20	68	c
Amst'dm	11	52	s	Mexico C*	25	77	s
Athens	14	57	c	Miami*	26	79	f
Bahrain	25	77	s	Milan	17	63	s
Barbads*	25	77	r	Montreal*	7	45	f
Barcelna	16	61	s	Moscow	9	48	c
Belgrade	15	59	s	Munich	18	64	c
Berlin	17	63	s	Nairobi	21	70	t
Bermuda*	20	68	r	Naples	15	59	f
Biarritz	10	50	c	N Delhi	31	88	s
Borde'x	12	54	c	N York*	8	46	s
Brussels	9	48	f	Nice	15	59	f
Budapst	13	55	s	Oslo	9	48	f
B Aires*	24	75	f	Paris	13	55	f
Cairo	26	79	s	Peking	16	61	f
Cape Tn	26	79	s	Perth	32	90	s
C'blanca	17	63	f	Prague	17	63	f
Chicago*	9	48	s	Reykjavik	-5	23	s
Ch'church	22	72	f	Rhodes	15	59	f
Cologne	12	54	c	Rio de J	25	77	c
C'phagn	12	54	f	Riyadh	31	88	f
Corfu	12	54	c	Rome	17	63	f
Dublin	11	52	f	Salzburg	19	66	s
Dubrovnik	17	63	s	S F'risco*	14	57	f
Faro	14	57	c	Santiago*	26	79	c
Florence	18	64	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Frankfurt	17	63	f	Seoul	13	55	s
Funchal	18	64	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Geneva	17	63	s	St'kholm	12	54	c
Gibraltar	16	61	f	Strasb'rg	18	64	f
Helsinki	5	41	c	Sydney	22	72	s
Hong K	18	64	f	Tangier	16	61	c
Innsbrck	18	64	s	Tel Aviv	21	70	f
Istanbul	8	46	c	Tenerife	11	52	f
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tokyo	14	57	s
Jo'burg*	22	72	s	Toronto*	3	37	c
Karachi	32	90	s	Tunis	17	63	f
L Palmas	18	64	c	Valencia	21	70	c
Le Tquet	10	50	f	Vanc'ver*	7	45	r
Lisbon	14	57	c	Venice	15	59	f
Locarno	17	63	f	Vienna	12	54	r
L Angels*	16	61	f	Warsaw	14	57	c
Luxembg	8	46	r	Wash'ton*	12	54	f
Luxor	39	10	s	Wel'nton	18	64	r
Madrid	13	55	f	Zurich	15	59	f

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AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.5	-	15	59	sunny
Anglesey	0.5	.18	9	48	rain
Aviemore	6.5	.06	10	50	hail
Belfast	4.5	.19	10	50	shower
Blackpool	-	.35	10	50	rain
Bournemouth	-	.18	10	50	rain
Brighton	-	.04	9	48	rain
Buxton	-	.57	9	48	rain
Cardiff	-	.33	10	50	rain
Cromer	0.9	.07	13	55	cloudy
Douglas	3.0	.20	10	50	bright
Edinburgh	4.2	.16	11	52	shower
Eskdalemuir	0.5	1.06	8	46	hail
Falmouth	-	.60	11	52	rain
Folkestone	-	.07	11	52	cloudy
Glasgow	6.4	.44	11	52	shower
Guernsey	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Jersey	0.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Kinloss	8.8	-	11	52	sunny
Leeds	0.2	.13	13	55	rain
Lerwick	8.6	.05	9	48	shower
London	-	.02	11	52	dull
Lowestoft	-	.02	13	55	rain
Manchester	-	.28	12	54	rain
Minehead	0.1	.28	12	54	rain
Nottingham	-	.22	11	52	rain
Penzance	-	.62	11	52	gales
Poole	-	.26	11	52	rain
Sandown	0.8	.15	10	50	dull
Scarborough	0.9	.04	12	54	shower
Scilly Isles	0.5	.35	10	50	shower
Shanklin	-	.08	10	50	cloudy
Southend	-	.04	11	52	cloudy
St. Ives	-	.55	11	52	rain
Stornoway	6.4	.20	9	48	shower
Swanage	-	.16	10	50	rain
Teignmouth	0.1	.14	10	50	shower
Tiree	5.3	.18	9	48	hail
Torquay	-	.18	11	52	rain
Weymouth	-	.17	10	50	rain
Wick	7.3	-	10	50	sunny
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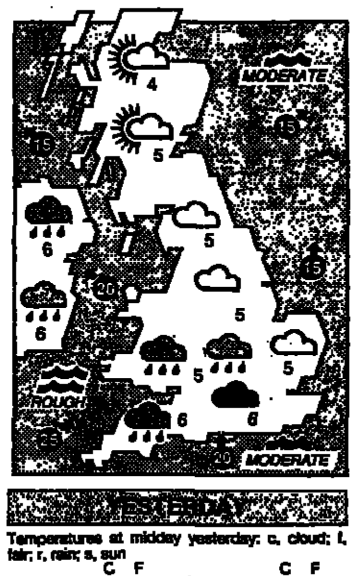

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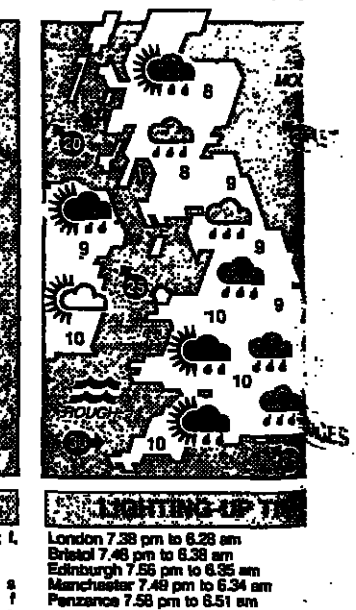

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	f	Guernsey	10	50	s
B'rmgham	10	50	c	Inverness	9	48	f
Blackpool	9	48	s	Jersey	11	52	s
Bristol	10	50	s	London	12	54	f
Cardiff	10	50	c	M'nchster	10	50	f
Edinburgh	9	48	f	Newcastle	9	48	f
Glasgow	7	45	r	R'nldsway	9	48	s

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Aberdeen/Dyce, Grampian, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Orsay, Islay, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 1.06 in; highest *sunshine: Kinloss, Moray Firth, 8.8 hr.*

LIGHTING-UP TI

London 7.38 pm to 6.28 am
Bristol 7.48 pm to 6.38 am
Edinburgh 7.56 pm to 6.35 am
Manchester 7.49 pm to 6.34 am
Penzance 7.58 pm to 6.51 am

Sun rises: 6.31 am

Moon rises 1.02 am

Last quarter April 7

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 2C (36F). Ra 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, *7.3*

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.33	6.8	5.47	6.7
Aberdeen	4.53	3.7	5.20	3.6
Avonmouth	10.50	11.7	11.03	11.4
Belfast	2.41	3.3	3.09	3.2
Cardiff	10.35	10.9	10.48	10.6
Devonport	9.11	4.9	9.29	4.9
Dover	2.30	6.2	2.45	6.0
Falmouth	8.41	4.7	8.59	4.7
Glasgow	4.23	4.2	4.33	4.1
Harwich	3.25	3.7	3.39	3.5
Holyhead	1.50	5.1	2.13	4.8
Hull	9.56	6.8	10.22	6.5
Ilfracombe	9.36	8.1	9.51	7.9
King's Lynn	9.05	5.9	10.24	5.7
Leith	6.19	4.9	6.50	4.8

TODAY	AM	HT
Liverpool	2.42	8.7
Lowestoft	1.3	2.3
Margate	3.34	4.5
Milford Haven	9.54	6.1
Newquay	8.46	6.2
Oban	9.03	3.4
Penzance	8.15	4.9
Portland	10.16	1.7
Portsmouth	3.04	4.3
Shoreham	2.29	5.8
Southampton	2.23	4.1
Swansea	10.00	8.6
Tees	7.18	4.9
W'ton-on-Nze	3.22	3.9

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

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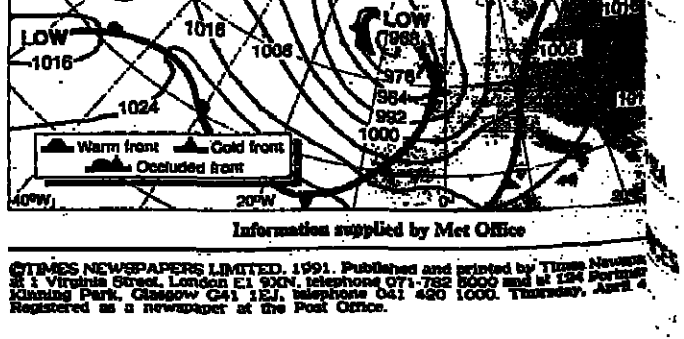

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Deputy Business Editor
Robert Ballantyne

Levitt in default of scheme

THE Investors' Compensation Scheme has announced that the Levitt Group and Hersham Rowley have been *declared in default*. The scheme will write to 30 Levitt investors and 70 Hersham Rowley ones within the next 30 days to establish whether they want to make a claim.

Hersham Rowley was a private client agency stockbroker that went into liquidation in March last year. Levitt was an insurance and financial adviser that went into liquidation in December.

The firm also managed funds for individuals. The Securities and Investments Board announced that the first *tranche of the levy to fund the* compensation scheme for 1990-1 will be £6.7 million. The two defaults announced yesterday will be included in the second tranche.

The Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association will have to fund £4.7 million of the £6.7 million.

Settlement in swaps dispute

The London borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, at the centre of a long-running dispute over the legality of interest rate swaps, has reached an out of court settlement with one of the banks in the case for an unspecified sum.

Hammersmith said the claim from the unspecified bank was for restitution or repayment of monies paid under the swaps. The House of Lords ruled in January that it was illegal for local councils to use interest rate swaps.

Some of the 130 councils involved lost millions of pounds. The ruling left 80 *banks apparently powerless to* recover losses of between £500 million and £600 million owed by local councils. The settlement yesterday follows a deal last month by Ogwr Borough Council in Wales with Citicorp.

Builder falls

Pre-tax profits at Wilson (Connolly) fell 43 per cent last year to £31.1 million, hit by a £12 million writedown in the value of its residential land bank and commercial property portfolio. The final dividend is still being increased, to 2.53p (2.3p), making 3.74p (3.45p). **Tempus, page 25**

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7780 (+0.0075)

German mark
2.9652 (-0.0057)

Exchange index
92.7 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
2014.2 (+28.3)

FT-SE 100
2519.1 (+30.8)

New York Dow Jones
2947.28 (+2.23)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
26780.06 (+528.06)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Unitech	290p (+15p)
Molynx	123½p (+20p)
Amersham	377p (+11p)
Costain	215p (+10p)
Securicor 'A'	541p (+11p)
TGH	100p (+15p)
Rank Org	747½p (+14p)
BCC	583½p (+18p)
Grand Met	831p (+12p)
Chemring	565p (+10p)
Bowater	617p (+15p)
British Telecom	359p (+10p)
BICC	464½p (+14p)
J Sainsbury	363p (+13p)
Friendly Hotels	283½p (+24p)
FALLS:	
Barlow Rand	657½p (-25p)
AG Barr	225p (-8p)
SA Breweries	792½p (-15p)
Nu-Swift	452½p (-30p)
Wyndham Eng	31p (-10p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12½%
3-month Interbank 12⅝-12 9/16%
3-month eligible bills 11 11/16-11⅝%
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 6¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.79-5.77%*
30-year bonds 96-96 7/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7780	£: $1.7810*
£: DM2.9652	$: DM1.6635*
£: SwFr2.5194	$: SwFr1.4142*
£: FFr10.0813	$: FFr5.6440*
£: Yen244.48	$: Yen137.34*
£: Index:92.7	$: Index:65.0
ECU £0.692540	SDR £0.769378
£: ECU1.443959	£: SDR1.299751

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $357.85 pm-$359.20
close $358.80-359.30 (£202.00-202.50)
New York:
Comex $360.75-361.25*

NORTH SEA

Brent (May) ..... $18.05 bbl ($18.00)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 130.9 February (1987=100)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Scottish Hydro plans gas power station in Humberside

By Ross Tieman
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SCOTTISH Hydro, the north of Scotland power group to be privatised in June, plans to lead a consortium that has obtained consent to build a £300 million, 720 megawatt combined cycle gas fired power station on Humberside.

Details of the plan, to be disclosed in the company's prospectus next month, will mark Hydro out as the company likely to provide the sharpest competitive challenge in the British power generation market, with prospects of a strong uplift in revenues. Bouygues, the French construction group, may ultimately emerge as a partner in the project. John Stansby is deputy chairman of Energy Resources, the company that has obtained planning consent. He is also head of Bouygues' British oil and gas services arm.

Scottish Hydro last night confirmed it is to take a 51 per cent stake in a new company to pursue the development. Energy Resources, chaired by William Law, a North Humberside businessman, will hold 49 per cent.

Records at Companies House in London show past links between Energy Resources and Ogdens of Leeds, which bought a former CEGB coal fired power station at Keadby on the River Trent, which was decommissioned two years ago. The site already has connections to the National Grid. Discussions to obtain supplies of gas are continuing. Keadby is 13 miles from Killingholme, where PowerGen and National Power are planning to build combined cycle gas fired power stations. The cost of connecting the Keadby site to the British Gas transmission system might therefore be relatively modest.

A spokesman for Scottish Hydro said the joint venture company will own the Keadby site. He said there were no immediate plans to seek other partners.

Scottish Hydro *has* an electricity generating and distribution business serving the north of Scotland with 3,000 megawatts of generating capacity. It already has a 51 per cent owned joint venture with Northern Electric, *the supply company* that serves the Northeast of England, to build a 1,000 megawatt combined cycle gas fired power station on Teesside.

In addition, it has the right to supply 300 megawatts of power over the 650 megawatt interconnector that links the Scottish grid with the National Grid in England and Wales. If both power *stations are built, and* Hydro increases exports to England when the capacity of the interconnector is expanded, the company could supply as much *power in* England and Wales as it does in Scotland within five years.

Scottish Hydro is well placed to compete in the power market in England and Wales because it is already experienced at selling into the "pool" or spot market. It will also be one of the first companies to gain experience of operating a gas fired power station.

Work is *under* way at Peterhead power station in Scotland, which it owns with National Power, to enable the station to run on sour gas from the Miller field in the North Sea. That station will not have the thermal efficiency of the latest combined cycle designs, but it will benefit from one of the cheapest energy supplies in Britain.

Market estimates of Scottish Hydro and Scottish Power's likely combined capitalisation, range from £1.5 billion to more than £2 billion.

Record close for London stock market

By Michael Clark, STOCK MARKET CORRESPONDENT

INVESTORS around the world went on a spending spree yesterday that sent share prices in London soaring to a closing high.

Strong overnight performances in both Tokyo and New York enabled London to maintain the momentum that had enabled it to stage a 50-point turnaround on Tuesday.

The FT-SE 100 index ended 30.8 higher at a record close of *2,519.1, against its previous* best of 2,500.3 reached last month. At one stage, the index had been almost 40 points up, *coming near its highest-ever* trading level of 2,527.1 on March 15th.

Dealers reported buying *support from both the United* Kingdom and the Continent. Several of Europe's leading financial centres reported a rush for equities and this was reflected in the Eurotrack 200 Index, made up of leading European companies, excluding British, which posted a rise of 16.28 to 1,164.39.

European investors are taking an optimistic view of the British economy and have been at the forefront of the recent advance of the equity market.

Prices in London closed below their best after Wall Street gave away an early 18 point *lead in the Dow Jones* average in resumed trading.

But last night dealers in London were telling clients *not to become too carried* away with the recent surge in share values. They gave a warning that yesterday's rise was largely technical and that the London market may have peaked. Profit taking is expected to develop as investors rush to cash in on the rises.

By the close of business, an impressive total of 704 million shares had been traded. But this figure had been inflated by a large number of bed and breakfast deals as City *institutions established* trading losses for tax purposes before the end of the financial year tomorrow .

Dealers said share price movements had also been exaggerated by stock shortages afger heavy buying of the FT-SE 100 Index future June series on Tuesday. This had caught market-makers out and forced them to mark prices up as they attempted to cover positions.

The strength of the equity market this year has amazed City experts with share prices rising by almost 20 per cent as evidence that the recession has started to bottom out continues filter through.

Several analysts are now forecasting a year-end FT-SE 100 Index of between 2,600 and 2,700, but a note of caution *is now being sounded* in the Square Mile.

Some brokers say that demands from leading com*panies for extra funds and* upward pressure on German interest rates are likely to take some of the steam out of the market in the short-term.

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Currency reserves boosted by $540m

By Colin Narbrough, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

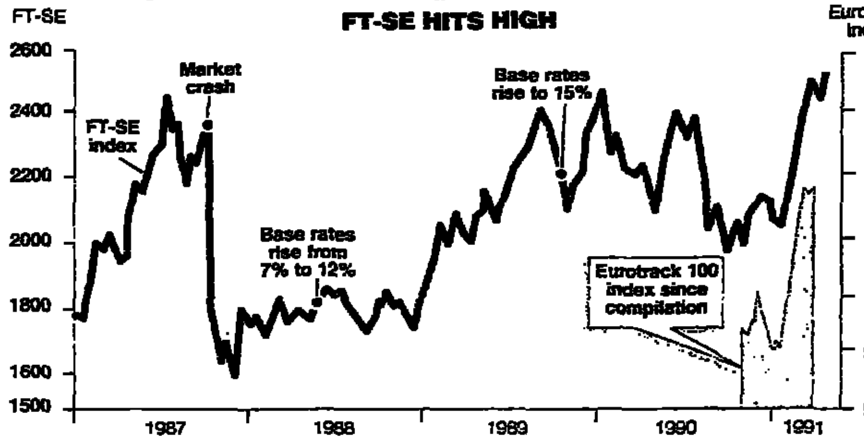
BRITAIN'S official gold and currency reserves rose by underlying $540 million last month, boosted by foreign contributions to Gulf war costs and proceeds from the power privatisation.

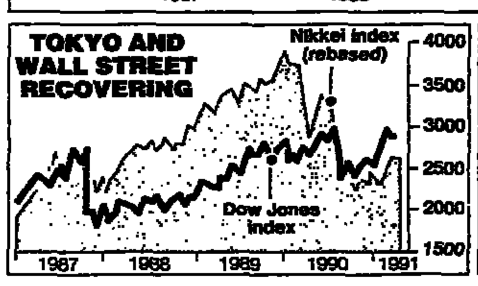
The rise represented a gain of only $48 million, excluding asset sales and war payments.

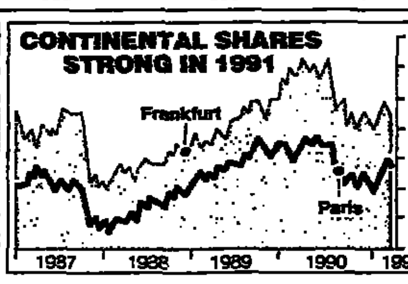
Gulf contributions from non-combatant countries amounted to $236 million, down from $416 million in February, while proceeds from the power privatisation last month brought in $256 million. Overall reserves totalled $42.32 billion. The pound gained ground against the consolidating American currency, but slipped back against the mark.

At the London close, sterling was three quarters of a cent higher at $1.7780. Against the mark it ended at DM2.9652, well over a half pfennig down on Tuesday, but far below its DM2.9800 high. The trade-weighted index was unchanged at 92.7.

The dollar eased back after New York opened, finishing 1.80 pfennig weaker at DM1.6630.







JOHN MANNING

Business booming: Tesco's Sir Ian MacLaurin says the company's expansion programme is paying off.

Tesco lifts payout as profits surge 28%

By Michael Tate
CITY EDITOR

TESCO'S massive investment in new stores and high tech systems is paying off. Profits for the year ended last February surged by *28* per cent to £417 million, lifting earnings by almost a quarter to 16.6p a share, and prompting Sir Ian *MacLaurin, the chairman to* raise the final dividend from 2.8p to 3.6p, making 5.3p for the year, up from 4.17p.

Sales climbed from £5.4 billion to £6.35 billion, with half the increase coming from existing stores, where volumes were up 1 per cent on the previous year, and the rest from 20 stores opened during the year.

Tesco spent £952 million during the year, £761 million on its store development programme, and has earmarked a further £950 million for the current year, during which it will open a further 25 stores, increasing selling space by 9 per cent.

Sir Ian said that the strong sales growth, substantially above the industry average, improved Tesco's market share *from 8.7 to 9.2 per cent.*

As a result of the January rights issue, which raised £572 million from shareholders, the group ended the year with net cash of £177 million, compared with borrowings of £317 million at the end of the previous year.

● The European Commission confirmed that the £74 million loan to finance Tesco superstores will carry an interest rate subsidy of 2.5 million ecus (£1.73 million) to create 1,279 jobs that could go to former coal and steel workers.

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Sun Alliance goes into red

By Graham Searjeant, FINANCIAL EDITOR

SUN Alliance, Britain's biggest composite insurance group, completed a disastrous insurance results season by revealing losses for last year of £181 million pre-tax against profits of £319 million in 1989. But a 12 per cent rise in dividend to 14p per share allowed its shares to rise 5p to 387p in a buoyant market.

The losses stem from the freak weather conditions in Britain, where Sun Alliance holds a fifth of the household insurance market and carries less reinsurance than its competitors because of its stronger balance sheet. Weather related losses in Britain amounted to £413 million net of reinsurance, of which £289 million was on household policies, split almost equally between the storms in January and February and subsidence claims after the dry summer.

The group has also increased reserves against professional liability policies after receiving claims of between £10 million and £20 million from hard-pressed property companies claiming negligence against valuers.

Roger Neville, the chief executive, said: "The result is manifestly unacceptable and we are taking positive action to bring about the necessary improvements." This includes progressively higher premiums in Britain for household, motor marine and aviation risks and a cost-cutting programme.

Sun Alliance hopes to return to profits this year, but Mr Neville said that 1991 results were likely to be "well short of an adequate return".

The group's net assets remained above £2 billion at the year end and the subsequent rise in share prices has lifted its solvency ratio from 81 per cent to 90 per cent, the strongest in the sector. Worldwide, Sun Alliance made underwriting losses of £551 million (loss of £64 million).

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France risks EC wrath over state aid

Firms given Fr8 billion in subsidies

By Wolfgang Münchau
EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

FRANCE is to grant massive subsidies to the country's ailing state-owned electronics industry, in a move that will set the country once again on collision course with the European Commission.

Bull, the loss-making computer company that is 93 per cent owned by the state, will receive Fr4 billion in new capital over the next two years, in addition to Fr1.5 billion pledged last year. The capital injection, almost twice as large as expected, is designed to revive the French company, which last month announced a loss of Fr6.8 billion.

Thomson, the state-owned electronics firm, will receive Fr2 billion in new capital this year, and so will Air France, according to yesterday's announcement.

Roger Fauroux, the French industry minister, said that the electronics industry was of strategic importance, as many French companies depended on its success. In addition, the government has decided on a Fr14 billion programme until 1994 for research and development.

George Hall, a spokesman for ICL, the computer company, said: "This level of state aid will only distort the market in the short to medium term, it may also encourage other underperforming companies to seek state intervention: this sort of behaviour flies in the face of the European Community's commitment to establish an open and competitive single market." The company would communicate its view to the British government and the European Commission in a most forceful manner.

France has a long tradition of granting subsidies to its state sector as part of an overall industrial policy, which has clashed with European competition policy. Last year, the European Commission forced Renault, the French car maker, to repay Fr3 billion in illegal subsidies it had received from the government.

Under EC law, subsidies are accepted only if they lead to a reduction in capacity or are otherwise in the common European interest. The policy on research and development is that subsidies are acceptable if they are geared towards basic research and not specific company projects. The rules are designed to prevent a distortion in competition.

The French government has tried to defuse the situation by emphasising that much of the R&D help would go towards joint European projects.But, M Fauroux is reported to have told his government that France needed to retain its technological independence in this sector.

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UK firms 'looking again to S Africa'

BRITISH firms are preparing to increase trading links with South Africa, according to the Confederation of British Industry.

The CBI said yesterday that business leaders will tell FW de Klerk, the South African president, what should to be done to encourage international trade and investment, when Mr de Klerk visits the CBI's London headquarters on April 26.

Neville Thomas, head of the CBI's Africa section, said: "South Africa is a highly valued business partner, with increasing possibilities as the political situation becomes more optimistic, with the dismantling of apartheid." British trade with South Africa is roughly in balance at £1.1 billion in each direction every year. British investment, at about £10 billion, forms 50 per cent of total foreign investment in the country, the CBI said, adding that there are signs that some companies are already putting new money into the country.

Mr Thomas said: "The UK's market share is second only to Germany, but the going could get tougher when the US and Japan lift their sanctions, so UK firms need to strengthen their position now."

Robertson talks

ROBERTSON Group, the Welsh natural resources consultancy, confirmed that it is in talks that may lead to the offer for the company at 100p a share, compared with yesterday's closing price of 75p, up 7p. This would value Robertson at £51.2 million.

The company, floated in 1987, reported interim profits in December down from £2.74 million to £2.61 million. The dividend was increased from 0.87p a share to 0.95p.

WTA makes £158m in first year of demerger

By Colin Campbell

WIGGINS Teape Appleton, de-merged from BAT Industries and floated on June 1 last year, believes it has performed relatively well after a year when trading conditions in the pulp market were especially tough.

Pre-tax profits for the year ended December at £158.2 million compare with a pro forma £173.5 million, and net earnings were 20.8p a share against 21.9p a share. As forecast in the prospectus, a final dividend of 5.05p makes 8.35p for the year.

WTA shares, which started stock exchange life at a shade over 212p and fell to 153p in September, rose by 16p to 233p yesterday as analysts viewed profit prospects in 1991 and 1992 with greater enthusiasm than they did 1990 results.

Stephen Walls, the chief executive, says 1990 was a year of depressed pulp prices and falling paper prices, and that operating results from the group's forestry and pulp subsidiary fell by £15.2 million year-on-year.

There was also a sharp reduction in the contribution from associated companies, principally the Portuguese Soporcel group, the 43 per cent of which WTA is trying to sell, and associated profits dropped by £18.3 million to £7.6 million. WTA is still in talks with several potential buyers, but is sticking to its intended £126 million price for its Soporcel stake. In December, WTA finalised a merger with Arjomari-Prioux, the French paper group, through which the range of paper products will be considerably increased.

Pro forma results for WTA, incorporating Arjomari, show a turnover of £2.59 billion (£2.42 billion), a pre-tax profit of £259.6 million (£262.6 million), and net earnings of 21.5p a share, compared with 21.3p a share.

The merger creates Europe's most powerful merchanting business, Mr Walls says, and *should lead to an enhanced* financial performance.

Earlier this week, WTA said that its plans to buy a paper mill in America had run into difficulties, and said the intended $73 million purchase was now effectively dead.

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Pulp prices depressed: Stephen Walls yesterday

Treuhand lists huge sell-off

THE *Treuhand* privatisation agency in Germany has published a book listing 6,000 former East German state firms for sale, but the book costs more than many of the debt-ridden companies in it (Reuter reports from Berlin).

The 600-page directory, part of the Treuhand's campaign to attract buyers and investors for eastern Germany's recovery programme, costs DM320.

So far the Treuhand has sold more than 1,000 firms, with 245 in January and 321 in February, but many for a nominal DM1 book value. It has also begun to liquidate 330 others with the loss of thousands of jobs.

"This book contains as many individual firms and employees as the 25 biggest listed companies in America. It gives an idea of the scale of the task the Treuhand faces," said Jens Odewald, Treuhand supervisory board chairman.

The Treuhand, whose president, *Detlev Rohwedder, was* assassinated on Monday, is responsible for 9,000 enterprises that were owned by communist East Germany *until unification last year.*

"There are nearly four million employees in here," Herr Odewald said, pointing to the soft-back reference work. *"That's as many as there are at* world giants like Exxon, IBM and AT&T and at the 25 biggest American firms together".

Herr Odewald, who has ruled himself out as a possible successor to Herr Rohwedder, said the former chief executive had planned to present the new directory to the media yesterday.

"It is the *Who's Who* of the Treuhand," said Theo Waigel, the German finance minister. The book, the *Official Directory of Firms of the Treuhand Agency*, contains addresses and both the new and old names of the companies. But there is no information on debts, sales and the value of property.

"I would obviously be pleased if this weighty book containing all the firms would gradually become slimmer in line with our privatisation and renewal policy," Herr Waigel said.

Hoppenstedt, the book's publisher, said it will be on sale by the end of April with an initial print run of 8,000 copies.

It will also be available on compact disc and as a computer databank. The reason there are 6,000 firms in the volume and 9,000 under Treuhand control is that the agency has split some of the large state combines into smaller units.

Insurance firms 'must pay for mistakes'

By Lindsay Cook
Money Editor

JULIAN Farrand, the insurance ombudsman, has ruled that mistakes made by insurance companies may be binding. The ombudsman reported yesterday that he had dealt with more than 1,900 cases last year and had found for the policyholders in 600 of them.

These included several cases where the insurance company had made mistakes in the documentation. One company quoted a premium of £25 a month when it should have been £95; another policy schedule showed a benefit as *payable monthly when the* sum should have been paid annually, and a third stated a policy was "with profits" when it should have been "*without profits*".

Dr Farrand said: "As a rule, people are expected to abide by their mistakes and I have held this rule true for insurers too: in principle, they will be obliged to honour the mistaken version of insurance documentation."

The bureau dealt with an increasing number of complaints from homebuyers sold endowment policies on the understanding that a cheap mortgage would be available. The special mortgages never materialised and, in cases completed, Dr Farrand has ruled that the policy should be cancelled with no loss to the homebuyer.

He said: "I have taken the view that this is a mis-selling of the insurance policy and not the mortgage, and, therefore, can be dealt with by the bureau. *It is a problem not just* for me, but for the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation as well."

The highest award during the year was for £187,999 in a dispute about the amount of repairs needed as a result of subsidence. The scheme is *only binding up to £100,000*, but the insurance company agreed to abide by the ombudsman's finding. During the year customers received payments totalling £1.27 million.

In some cases, there had been no material loss, but Dr Farrand awarded compensation for "upset and distress". The highest award in this category was £3,000, paid to a driver who was issued with an "improper" insurance certificate and who was prosecuted and convicted as a result. In other cases, insurance companies have sent "disability counsellors" to see claimants with permanent health policies. The policyholders have been upset that a person they thought was trying to help them had been sent, unannounced by the insurer, to check if they were fit to return to work.

The ombudsman's bureau expects its workload to double this year. It has received 15,000 written enquiries and 20,000 telephone calls. These indicate a caseload of more than 4,000 for the year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Caparo gives warning after record £15.7m

CAPARO Industries, *the engineering and steel product* group headed by Swraj Paul, achieved a record pre-tax profi of £15.7 million (£14.1 million) in the year ended Decembe 30 on £229.7 million turnover. Caparo has raised its tota dividend from 3.1p to 3.8p a share, but says that the sale slowdown noted in the *closing months of 1990* continue into the first quarter of 1991 and that this could affect thi year's profits.

British operations generated £12.2 million (£13.8 million of operating profit and North American activities £7.4 million (£4.14 million). Mr Paul says that fierce competitive conditions are now affecting all of the group markets, though some improvement in demand is expecte in the second half of 1991. Caparo adds that at this stage i seems as if profits for 1991 will be lower.

BAe issue to raise £150m

BRITISH Aerospace is raising £150 million through an issue of eurobonds at 11.92 per cent. The bonds, which mature in 2008, will provide funding for general corporate purposes. The yield is 215 basis points over the benchmark gilt. Lead managers are BZW and Kleinwort Benson. Hoare Govett Corporate Finance is sponsoring the listing.

Smurfit buys French firm

JEFFERSON Smurfi Group, the Irish paper an packaging company, ha boosted its waste paper r cycling operations with th acquisition of CDI (Cent de Dechets Industriels), French waste collectio company, for an undisclose sum. CDI is the secon largest French waste pap company and handles mo than 400,000 tons a year.

Bid for Herrburger

HERRBURGER Brooks, the piano parts supplier, confir ed that Kimball International Inc, its American parent whi has a 71.1 per cent stake, has made an agreed 220p a share b for each Herrburger share it does not own. The offer valu the whole group at about £2.9 million.

The shares, which *last week surged 70p to 195p on t* prospect of a bid from Kimball, advanced 15p to 210p. T offer represents a premium of 76 per cent over the mid market quotation of Herrburger Brooks ordinary shares 125p at the close on March 25.

Chevron sells N Sea stakes

CHEVRON UK has agreed to sell holdings in four North Sea blocks to Arco British, a subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield. These include 50 per cent stakes in blocks 50/26A, 48/7A and 49/14A, and its 25 per cent stake in 48/9A. No price was disclosed. The sale is subject to the consent of the energy department and Texaco, operator of all four blocks.

British boost for CMB

CMB Packaging, the Fre paper and packaging gr formed in 1989 by merger of Carnaud, French company, and B ain's Metal Box, reporte 12 per cent rise in opera profits last year to Fr2 billion. The results incl Metal Box for the first ti in the last three quart Turnover was Fr24.42 lion (Fr21.32 billion).

Receivers named

TIM Hayward and Roger Oldfield, partners at KPMG Marwick McLintock, have been appointed administra receivers at Sheraton Securities, the property company.

Sheraton's shares were suspended last week at 2p, se months after the company was apparently rescued by a million refinancing arranged by SG Warburg. Mr Hayw yesterday estimated that Sheraton had liabilities of m than £350 million. Most of Sheraton's 30 staff are to be on to assist the receivers.

Venture spendin declines by 15%

By Jonathan Prynn

INVESTMENT by British venture capitalists fell by 15 per cent in 1990, the industry's toughest year for a decade.

According to statistics from the British Venture Capital Association, £1.39 billion was invested in 1,559 companies last year. This compares with £1.65 billion invested in 1,569 companies during the previous year.

Jonathan Thornton, the chairman of the BVCA's information committee, said the sharper fall in the va the *1990* investments caused by the absence very large deals seen 1989, such as Magnet Isosceles. The numb investments was only 0. cent down on 1989.

The concentration on er deals was felt most str by the management b and buy-in markets whic their proportion of the invested fall from 61 pe to 52 per cent. However actually saw seven more outs and buy-ins comp than in 1989, with the m share in terms of numb investments rising by cent to 26 per cent.

Start-up and other investments were well last year, with 340 actions completed, com with 521 in 1989. Their of the total number of also slipped, falling fro per cent to 26 per cent.

Mercury on trac

MERCURY Commu tions, part of Cable and less, is "on track" to ac positive cashflow in 1992 Peter van Cuylenberg, chief executive. Mercury trading profit of £49 milli the year to March 1990.

B Midland expands network

By Alice Thomson

ONLY three weeks after Air Europe's collapse, British Midland has said it is expanding its European network.

Britain's second largest carrier will be launching two Heathrow routes in the late spring, to Palma and to Nice, as well as a new Birmingham-Berlin service. Iberia is the only other operator with a London-Palma service.

British Midland already has services from Heathrow to *Dublin*, Paris and *Amsterdam*, and hopes that within three years it will have increased its European network to 50 per cent of its operations. The company's main aim is to become a leading player in the short-haul market.

British Midland is able to operate the two new Heathrow routes in spite of the wrangling over slots, because both services will be relatively low frequency and are able to use a small pool of slots secured from last year's scheduling committee process. The airline is the second largest *handler out of Heathrow and* holds unused licences to fly to nine other European cities.

Attention has been focused on extending competition on transatlantic routes out of Heathrow. Austin Reid, British Midland managing director, said there is already greater competition on these routes than in Europe and that increased competition on short-haul flights would play a vital role *in lowering the* costs of British industry.

He said: "We will continue to seek to persuade the government the congestion at *Heathrow is undermining* competition and preventing a better deal for European air travellers."

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

FRIENDLY HOTELS (Fin) Pre-tax: £6.01m (£5.04m) EPS: 34.9p (30.0p) *Div: 3p, mkg 5p (3.35p)*	Fully diluted earnings per share were 25.3p (21.5p). Turnover £31.2m (£26.6m). Extraordinary debit of £264,000 (nil).
BOXMORE INT. (Fin) Pre-tax: £2.74m (£2.31m) EPS: 20.2p (16.4p) Div: 4.4p, mkg 6.4p	Last time's total dividend, 5.55p. Turnover increased to £18.5m (£16.2m). Net assets rose 11.5% to 126p per share.
ASH & LACY *(Fin)* Pre-tax: £5.05m (£4.92m) EPS: 13.53p (13.29p) Div: 3.9p, mkg 6.4p	*Last time's total dividend*, 6.4p. Turnover £56.3m (£61.5m). Extraordinary debit of £157,000 (£865,000).
BURFORD HOLDINGS (Fin) *Pre-tax: £2.65m (£2.29m)* EPS: 1.5p (1.1p) Div: 0.45p, mkg 0.85p	Last time's total dividend, 0.65p. *Net asset value per share fell* 12% to 49.8p. Turnover plunged to £9.37m (£20.1m).
MOLYNX HOLDINGS (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.69m (£1.45m) EPS: 12.5p (13.0p) Div: 2.5p, mkg 3.75p	Last time's total dividend, 3.25p. Turnover £15.6m (£11.5m). Board reports that *first-quarter* trading has been brisk.
NORMAN HAY (Fin) Pre-tax: £912,000 EPS: 4.04p (8.05p) Div: 0.64, mkg 1.14p	Last time's profit was £1.97m. Last time's total dividend, 2.26p. Turnover fell to £13.2m (£17.1m). Extraordinary debit of £58,000.
WORCESTER GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £3.55m (£5.03m) EPS: 9.4p (14.2p) Div: 2.68p, mkg 4.01p	Last time's total dividend, 3.82p. *Exceptional charge of £203,000* and extraordinary debit of £549,000. Interest charges £671,000 (£76,000).
AIR LONDON (*Int*) Pre-tax: £611,000 EPS: 4.47p (3.45p) Div: 1.4p (1.1p)	*Last time's profit* was £433,000. Turnover rose to £8.65m (£5.75m). Company said it looks forward to a good result in the second half.
LEC REFRIGERATION Pre-tax: £907,000 EPS: 9.89p (9.47p) Div: 10.5p mkg 14.5p	Final results. Last time's profit was £886,000. Last time's total dividend was 14.5p. Turnover climbed to £51.5m (£49.5m).
MAGNOLIA GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.05m (£1.00m) EPS: 11.16p (10.91p) Div: 3.65p mkg 5.4p	Last time's total dividend was 5 There was an exceptional char £106,000. Turnover increased £23.5m (£21.9m).
DEAD SEA WORKS (Fin) Pre-tax: $66.6m ($77.8m) EPS: $0.79 ($0.95) Div: 129% (123%)	Turnover was $566.8m ($544.7 The dividend on deferred share 123%. Bonus issue of shares is recommended at rate of 70%.

SUNALLIANCE

RESULTS FOR 1990

The audited Group results for 1990 are as follows:	1990 £m	1989 £m
Premium income –		
General insurance	2,512.7	2,475.3
Long-term insurance	861.2	810.6
	3,373.9	3,285.9
General insurance underwriting result	(550.8)	(63.7)
Long-term insurance profits	47.7	40.5
Investment and other income	322.2	341.8
Profit/(loss) before taxation	(180.9)	318.6
Taxation	(82.5)	90.9
Profit/(loss) after taxation	(98.4)	227.7
Minority interests	7.8	12.3
Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders	(106.2)	215.4
Dividend	111.1	99.0
Retained profits transfer	(217.3)	116.4
Earnings/(loss) per share	(13.4p)	27.3p
Dividend per share	14.0p	12.5p

TERRITORIAL ANALYSIS OF GENERAL INSURANCE RESULTS

	1990		1989	
	Premium income £m	Under-writing result £m	Premium income £m	Under-writing result £m
United Kingdom	1,631.4	(461.3)	1,569.0	1.2
Europe	378.9	(53.1)	365.3	(22.2)
USA	230.2	(0.8)	262.7	(6.2)
Canada	61.0	(7.3)	63.7	(5.2)
Australia	101.7	(16.1)	109.7	(21.3)
Other overseas	109.5	(12.2)	104.9	(9.8)
	2,512.7	(550.8)	2,475.3	(63.7)

SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

The Group's net assets amounted to £2,034m at 31st December, 1990, excluding the value of long-term business. The solvency margin was 81% (1989: 119%).

DIVIDEND

The Directors recommend a final dividend payable on 1st July, 1991 of 9.0p per share making a total dividend for the year of 14.0p per share – an increase of 12%. The dividend, costing £71.5m, will be paid on 1st July, 1991 to shareholders on the register at close of business on 3rd May, 1991. The scrip dividend alternative will again be offered.

The above statement is a summary of the year's results. The full audited Report and Accounts will be posted to shareholders on 22nd April, 1991 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on 15th May, 1991.

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Taking a risk on insurers

COMMENT

One indicator of boom conditions in the stock market is the recovery of shares in composite insurance companies, which stand 8 per cent higher than a year ago. That is no great performance in relative terms, but in the meantime the leaders have clocked up combined pre-tax losses of about £750 million, despite earning healthy profits from their life assurance subsidiaries. Commercial Union, with its stronger life and continental business, was the only one to break even in 1990.

Weather losses in Britain last year were bad luck, especially for Sun Alliance whose financial strength allows it to resort to reinsurance on single event catastrophes only for losses above £120 million. Someone has to pay and that is why the insurance business exists. With winter out of the way, the chances are that such losses will be much lower this year.

That was not the only problem by any means. Big losses were run up on motor accounts, where premium rises may still not be rising fast enough to catch the trend of claims and costs. The world market for commercial risks was also at the bottom of its cycle, or so the insurers hope. General Accident and Guardian Royal Exchange, among others, added to their woes by losing money fast on disastrous acquisitions abroad.

Absence of storms and a normally wet summer will therefore do no more than reduce losses or produce modest profits. Restoring profits to the levels needed to justify putting capital into a cyclical business will be a much longer haul. There are signs that the underwriting cycle is turning up in some sectors, but full recovery is still only a hope.

Yet shares in Sun Alliance, which is admittedly seen as the quality stock, yield just 4.8 per cent in dividend, sell at 12.6 times their peak earnings of 1988 and trade at about their asset value, including the undervalued life interests. The market's equanimity stems from the companies' sensible policy of maintaining or increasing dividends at the bottom of the cycle according to their varying financial strength.

The dire trading losses nevertheless leave the British insurance industry as a sitting duck if aggressive continental groups decide to make a reality of the predicted drastic restructuring of the industry to prepare for a single European market in insurance. They are vulnerable in part because they have been operating in an open domestic market, while those driving rates down have often been protected continental insurers bidding for a share of the market.

Of the main groups, only BAT and Sun Alliance, which has 15 per cent of Commecial Union, have the financial strength to step forward confidently as the senior partner in a big European merger. The saving grace is that continental companies have also been suffering from the cycle, if not on the same scale. Allianz, the feared German giant, may be too busy for the moment mopping up the former East German market and its big American acquisition. For British companies, whose prioriy must be their own underwriting, the longer the European shake-up is delayed the better.

Gallic bull

The French cabinet's resolve to inject £400 million in new capital for Bull, its loss making flagship computer company, as part of a wider programme to bail out the country's state-owned electronics industry, is another example of Gallic disregard for fair competition in Europe.

Otherwise the strongest advocate of things European, from currency to passports, the French government remains highly nationalistsic, indeed *europhobe*, when it comes to the defence of its perceived national industrial interests. Indeed, such subsidies tend to damage struggling European rivals more than the supposed targets, competitors from Japan and America.

After Europe had lost its leading edge in the consumer electronics industry in the 1970s and later failed to make much of a mark in the computer business, the Community set up set up joint projects, like Jessi and Eureka, in an effort to bridge the gap, realising that no single European company coild succeed alone. While this involved highly subsidised research and development, at least it assured that the results were shared among the participants in Japanese style.

A French "tour de force" is not merely doomed, but damaging to companies like ICL, Olivetti, Philips and Siemens-Nixdorf, which cannot rely on the same national patronage in case of commercial incompetence. In Britain, for instance, ICL faces strong competition from Bull in the market for public procurement, which in France is still closed to many non-French companies.

Sir Leon Brittan, the European competition commissioner, has rightly identified unfair state subsidies as one of the main obstacles to fair competition in Europe. He showed his determination on this issue last year, when he forced Renault to repay subsidies it had received from the French government. M Fauroux's scheme involves even more serious competition issues and it is likely that other European computer makers will launch a formal complaint with the Commission. At the very least, the scheme warrants a full Commission investigation.

America faces pressure to cut energy deficit

TICS of American energy y want the world's largest orter of crude oil to demrate the same sense of ncy in reducing its masenergy deficit as it did in fronting aggression in the

the crude oil price has so emerged less than $2 a el higher than before the its leading up to Iraq's sion of Kuwait, there is ign of this happening.

e *National Energy Strat-* was drafted when the d's attention was focused he volatile oil market and influence over the Ameri- economy. Even this, how-, falls far short of iding the country with ly defined ways of reduc- pollution and economic endence on foreign oil.

ergy department officials ashington claim that their egy, the result of 20 ths of public recomdations and 18 public ings, strikes a realistic nce and sets goals that can chieved. Their argument ased on the assumption America's vulnerability oil price shocks is not rmined by levels of imts but by the capacity to ch to alternative fuels and quickly on reserves.

a result, two widely ted ideas are missing the policy document: sures to stabilise the world ket or taxes to cut umption.

merica rejects the establment of a forum of leading roducing nations and umers to hammer out a mon policy and a uniform nse to events, such as the sion of Kuwait, which ten oil price stability. d on the experience of the nties, the department bes dialogue with the nization of Petroleum rting Countries aimed at olling prices would yield ngible reward.

her taxes on petrol to he use of big cars, aid the opment of fuel efficient es, or encourage a switch ss transport systems are also rejected. Britain's experience in the late Seventies is quoted against a carbon tax or greater government involvement in the energy market.

In 1980, after the Iranian revolution, Britain, which was then self-sufficient in oil, felt the economic impact most acutely of all industrial nations. By contrast, Japan, totally dependent on imported oil, emerged relatively unscathed. The relatively high tax Britain imposes on petrol has not noticeably discouraged car use.

Such recommendations would have made good headlines by playing to the gallery and temporarily appeasing a public that is extremely sensitive to issues raised by the Gulf war. Whether they would have sound economic and political sense is another matter.

The American energy department forecasts that its strategy would cut domestic oil demand by 3.4 million barrels per day, almost twice Britain's daily output, below levels otherwise projected for the year 2010. America's domestic oil production might rise by 3.8 million barrels per day, electricity generated from renewable sources would rise by 16 per cent and emissions of greenhouse gases would be stabilised by the year 2000 at, or below, 1990 levels.

To achieve these fairly undemanding targets, the department hopes to raise electricity generating efficiency by removing barriers to competition, amending public utility law to allow power suppliers to build, own and operate facilities in more than one area.

To guarantee continuity of oil supplies, the department advocates careful management of government-held stocks, investment in advanced oil recovery technology with government assistance, and deregulation of oil pipelines in competitive markets. Controversially, the department also calls for increased production of heavy Californian crude and exploitation of known deposits of oil in the outer continental shelf and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

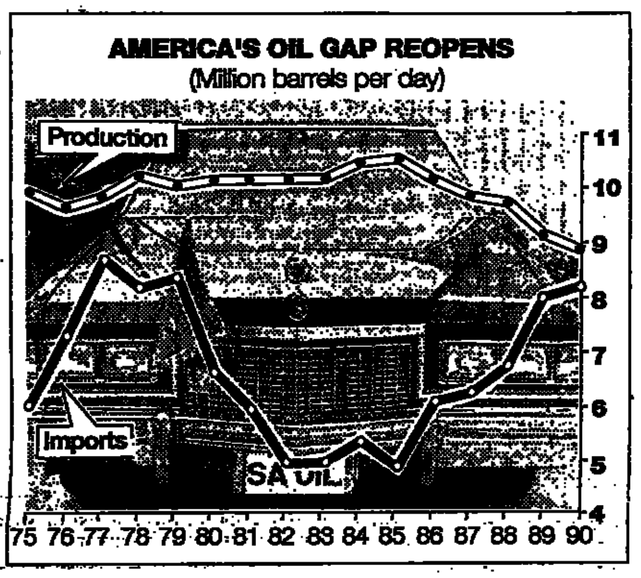
Nuclear power is thrown the lifeline of a possible reform of the plant licensing process, to reduce the time it takes to clear hurdles to starting construction from the current 12 to 14 years. In spite of the deeply entrenched public fear of nuclear reactors, it is envisaged that 21 per cent of electricity requirements could be supplied by nuclear power stations by the year 2030.

This may be how the Bush administration sees energy policy developing over the next 20 years. Others must question whether any of this can be achieved without important financial incentives or penalties to encourage consumers to curb demand and to force industry to put its own house in order.

The reality is that the strategy offers few new fiscal incentives and places the initiative squarely on the social conscience of consumers. American experience after the oil price rise of 1979 and the price slump of 1986 suggests that price signals really move demand and supply.

So long as the price of oil remains well below $25 a barrel, Americans will continue burning energy in the time-honoured fashion and the rest of the world will follow their example.

MARTIN BARROW



AMERICA'S OIL GAP REOPENS
(Million barrels per day)

Tesco aims to fill the spaces

TEMPUS

THE mood of increased urgency at Tesco encouraged by January's rights issue, is further emphasised by the company's disclosure yesterday that its supermarket building programme will increase the group's selling space by 9 per cent this year, a growth rate that will outpace Sainsbury for the first time in some years.

Tesco's new store opening schedule has always been lumpier than that of its biggest rival, and it has some catching up to do.

It is hard, however, to resist the view that the prospect of a change in government has much to do with Tesco's determination to pack as much as it can into the development pipeline while the sites are still available, not to mention relatively inexpensive.

The blessing for a food retailer like Tesco, is that the faster it builds new new stores, the higher it pushes its sales, whose growth drops promptly through to the bottom line.

Although the figures for 1990-1 held few surprises, given that the rights issue forecast was made only weeks before the year end, last year's sales were up 17.5 per cent.

With net margins improving from 6 to 6.6 per cent, a return unthinkable a decade ago, fully diluted earnings advanced 24 per cent, to 16.6p a share. Can there be more *genuine growth stocks than* the supermarket groups?

Tesco is confident that it can offset a 14 per cent payroll increase to improve margins further this year.

Meanwhile, the £572 million rights cash, which has left net funds of £177 million, and the group's perspicacity in grabbing a cheap £74 million European Community loan to help fund the building programme, are evidence that the financial controls are in order.

If Tesco can make the £565 million that analysts are looking for before tax, to produce earnings of approaching 20p a share, the shares will be selling for 13.7 years' earnings, a premium to the market, but well worth it.

Wiggins Teape Appleton

WIGGINS Teape Appleton, first quoted in its own right last June, has been a victim of circumstances in its maiden year. While keeping its promise in paying a total 8.35p a share dividend (with a final of 5.05p), WTA has turned out lower actual net earnings of 20.8p a share against 21.9p, after seeing pre-tax profits ease from £173.5 million to £158.2 million.

Operating profits from its forestry and pulp operations were knocked £15.2 million lower to £5.7 million by severe conditions — but paper manufacturing and merchanting made headway to limit the overall slide in operating profits from £169.6 million to £161.8 million.

At the pre-tax level, WTA's forestry and pulp problems were compounded by an £18.3 million setback, largely at Soporcel, the Portuguese associate, the intended sale of which has been delayed.

WTA can, however, be judged from another angle following the December 24 merger with Arjomari-Prioux, the French paper group.

On a pro forma basis, WTA shows operating profits last year of £272.6 million (£268.6 million), pre-tax profits of £259.6 million (£262.6 million), and earnings up from 21.3p to 21.5p a share. Synergy benefits expected next year, leave some analysts almost optimistic about the shares.

Profits should move ahead this year, perhaps only modestly to between £270 million and £285 million, but faster growth is possible next year.

Improved hopes for next year, rather than this, saw the shares 16p up at 233p yesterday, where they trade at 10.8 times expected 1991 earnings, and 9.7 times projected 1992 earnings. Until the merger benefits are clearer, the shares are not cheap.

Wilson (Connolly)

AS TOP tier housebuilders with the same year end and similar names, Wilson Bowden and Wilson (Connolly) are often lumped together for analysis.

But there has been a divergence in the two companies' strategies. Last month, Wilson Bowden announced a £34 million rights issue to take advantage of opportunities in the land market. Wilson (Connolly) has not. With year-end gearing at just 11 per cent, Ian Black, the managing director, sees no reason to end a 26-year run without a rights issue.

The only problem for otherwise grateful shareholders is that, as with so many housebuilders, Wilson (Connolly)'s good times still look some way off.

Pre-tax profits in the year to December dropped 43 per cent to £31.1 million, after a £12 million write-down of its residential land bank and commercial property portfolio and a collapse in property development profits. The company's future lies with housebuilding. Construction profits of £4.4 million were impressive last year, but will not be repeated. Nor will the £5.6 million contribution from commercial development.

That leaves the housebuilding division, which sold 2,350 homes last year, 500 up on 1989. Confidence in the division is seen in the final dividend of 2.53p (2.3p) and total of 3.74p (3.45p).

Any recovery will not come soon enough for the current year when pre-tax profits of under £30 million are possible, but margins and selling prices should improve next year when profits could recover to £40 million. However, on a 1992 p/e of over 13, shares are anticipating the bounce.

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	700.3	0.7	22.0	1.1	16.1	1.7	12.6
(free)	133.8	0.6	22.0	1.0	15.9	1.7	12.5
EAFE	1184.4	1.6	20.7	1.5	16.7	2.7	11.4
(free)	121.6	1.6	20.6	1.4	16.3	2.7	11.2
Europe	697.6	1.4	17.2	1.4	18.6	2.4	8.1
(free)	150.4	1.4	16.7	1.1	17.9	2.4	7.7
Nth America	523.9	–0.8	24.3	0.2	14.7	0.2	14.7
Nordic	1349.8	1.8	24.1	1.9	24.5	2.8	14.5
(free)	215.8	1.7	20.6	1.8	21.6	2.8	11.3
Pacific	2666.8	1.8	23.6	1.6	15.1	2.8	14.0
Far East	3861.9	1.8	23.5	1.6	15.1	2.9	13.9
Australia	288.5	1.2	25.7	1.7	14.9	2.3	15.9
Austria	1473.9	2.0	12.7	1.9	16.1	3.1	3.9
Belgium	811.6	0.8	14.9	0.4	17.7	1.8	6.0
Canada	492.6	–0.7	15.9	0.2	6.4	0.4	6.9
Denmark	1240.2	1.5	.15.0	1.6	17.5	2.6	6.1
Finland	83.1	1.8	29.2	1.6	29.6	2.8	19.2
(free)	116.5	1.7	35.4	1.5	35.9	2.7	24.9

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
France	676.6	1.4	18.0	1.4	20.9	2.4	8.9
Germany	739.9	2.1	8.0	2.2	11.1	3.1	–0.3
Hong Kong	2677.1	1.2	39.2	2.2	28.3	2.2	28.4
Italy	288.3	1.7	13.0	1.5	14.7	2.8	4.2
Japan	4032.6	1.9	23.0	1.6	14.6	2.9	13.4
Netherlands	838.3	1.1	13.5	1.1	16.7	2.1	4.7
New Zealand	61.1	–0.1	18.7	0.2	8.5	0.9	9.5
Norway	1189.5	1.5	6.8	1.4	8.7	2.6	–1.5
(free)	210.4	1.5	8.3	1.4	10.2	2.5	–0.1
Sing/Malay	1873.6	1.2	29.2	0.7	20.8	2.2	19.2
Spain	212.2	0.4	29.3	0.2	29.1	1.4	19.3
Sweden	1513.3	2.0	33.0	2.2	31.7	3.0	22.7
(free)	219.9	2.1	32.5	2.3	31.3	3.1	22.3
Switzerland	846.4	1.6	20.0	1.4	22.6	2.7	10.7
(free)	128.0	1.6	19.1	1.4	21.7	2.6	9.9
UK	759.8	1.2	18.9	1.2	18.9	2.2	9.7
USA	477.1	–0.9	25.0	0.2	15.3	0.2	15.3

(lc) Local currency.*

Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyons	500	32	45	57	5	17	22
(*518)	550	6	19	33	30	47	50
	600	1	9	18	78	87	88
ASDA	120	11	18	20	1½	4	7
(*129)	130	5	10	15	5	8	11
	140	1	7	10	13	15	17
Bass	929	38	75	100	13	32	40
(*946)	977	16	47	72	37	60	65
	1026	4	29	52	80	88	95
Boots	330	40	47	55	1	7	9
(*365)	360	14	25	37	7	16	19
	390	2½	13	22	26	33	37
Br Airways	140	33	35	37	1	4½	7
(*171)	160	14	18½	23	2½	8½	12
	180	3	8½	14	13	23	24
BP	300	33	39	45	2	5	9
(*331)	330	8	20	27	7	15	20
	360	2	8½	15	33	34	38
Br Steel	130	20	24	25	1	4	5
(*147)	140	9	14	17	3	6	8
	160	3	5	6½	13	18	20
C & W	460	70	83	96	1	9	14
(*520)	500	34	52	70	6	19	25
	550	8	23	43	32	47	52
CU	460	77	90	95	1	5	9
(*530)	500	38	58	65	3½	12	19
	550	7	27	38	25	33	40
Courtauld	360	64	67	78	1	4	6½
(*420)	390	34	41	54	3	11	14
	420	10½	24	36	11	27	28
GKN	330	59	70	73	1½	5	8
(*378)	360	30	48	52	3	11	18
	390	8½	26	34	14	23	30
Grand Met.	730	96	120	137	2	13	18
(*832)	800	48	83	105	8	26	35
	850	18	54	78	28	48	57
ICI	1000	65	107	119	7	25	42
(*1061)	1050	30	77	90	20	43	57
	1100	14	52	67	54	72	87
Kingfisher	390	76	82	89	1	5	8½
(*461)	420	47	55	66	3	12	17
	460	15	31	43	11	27	31
Ladbroke	260	42	46	53	2	6	10
(*296)	280	23	33	39	4	13	17
	300	10	19	29	10	23	26
Land Sec	500	52	58	65	1½	7½	12
(*547)	550	12	23	33	13	29	32
	600	1½	7	16	55	63	65
M & S	220	31	34	42	1	5	6½
(*247)	240	12½	21	28	4	11	12
	260	2½	11	18	14	23	25
Sainsbury	300	66	69	77	1	1½	3
(*363)	330	37	43	54	1½	5	8
	360	11	22	31	8	16	19
Shell	420	68	82	90	2	4	6
(*483)	460	32	49	58	5	11	18
	500	7	26	35	20	30	35
Smkl Beech	700	95	114	133	2	10	15
(*786)	750	48	77	97	7	22	29
	800	18	46	70	25	41	49

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Storehse	110	12	15	20	2	6	10
(*119)	120	5	10	15	7	10	14
	130	2	6	–	14	17	–
Trafalgar	240	32	36	44	4	14	19
(*268)	260	13	26	36	7	21	27
	280	3½	16	26	19	33	38
Ultramar	300	32	42	50	3	7	11
(*328)	330	8	24	33	11	18	23
	360	3	12	18	35	37	38
Unilever	650	115	137	155	1½	4	6
(*762)	700	67	92	117	3½	10	15
	750	27	58	82	13	25	30
	800	6	32	54	42	47	54
Utd Bisc	330	68	76	84	1	2	3½
(*393)	360	38	50	60	1	6	9
	390	12	30	40	7	15	19
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
BAA	390	45	52	67	5	12	16
(*420)	420	21	33	45	14	26	31
	460	6	–	–	45	–	–
BAT Ind	600	134	139	140	2	7	12
(*722)	650	87	98	107	6	14	23
	700	47	65	77	17	32	42
	750	20	39	52	42	57	67
BTR	360	65	75	79	2½	7	11
(*414)	390	38	53	57	8	14	20
	420	16	35	40	20	25	32
Br Aero	550	110	130	140	5	9	14
(*648)	600	69	93	105	10	20	25
	650	36	60	73	26	37	43
Br Telecm	330	36	44	52	3	8	11
(*339)	360	16	23	31	13	19	22
	390	5	–	–	33	–	–
Cadbury	360	47	59	68	3	7	10
(*398)	390	22	39	49	11	18	22
	420	11	21	35	28	32	37
Guinness	800	124	150	163	3½	9	15
(*912)	850	85	110	127	10	20	24
	900	47	78	93	24	37	43
GEC	200	16	18	24	4	10	11
(*207)	220	5½	9	14	14	21	23
	240	1½	–	–	33	–	–
Hanson	220	23	28	34	3	6½	7½
(*236)	240	10	16	23	9½	16½	18
	260	3½	8½	13	28	30	31
LASMO	330	28	43	52	8	16	18
(*347)	360	14	27	38	23	30	33
	390	7	16	23	47	50	52
P & O	550	75	85	90	7	12	20
(*624)	600	32	50	60	20	32	40
	650	10	28	35	54	59	67
Pilkington	160	30	33	35	2½	7	8
(*185)	180	16	18	22	7	13	16
	200	6	9	13	20	29	30
Prudential	220	29	37	41	3½	5½	7½
(*241)	240	13½	23	29	8	11	15
	260	5½	13	18	19	22	22

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Racal	180	50	52	57	1	3	5
(*226)	200	32	35	43	3	7	9
	220	16	24	31	9	14	16
	240	8	–	–	20	–	–
RTZ	420	160	170	–	1	2	–
(*569)	460	120	133	137	2	3	6
	500	80	98	106	4	8	13
	550	40	61	72	12	20	27
Scot New	330	56	63	–	2½	7	–
(*378)	360	30	39	46	7	15	17
	390	13	23	30	20	29	32
	420	5	12	19	45	50	52
Tesco	233	44	50	–	2	3½	–
(*273)	253	24	32	–	4	6	–
	280	7	16	21	15	16	21
Thames W.	280	29	35	37	4	10	13
(*300)	300	16	21	26	10	20	22
	330	4	9	13	31	40	41
Lucas	140	33	37	39	2	4½	5
(*169)	160	16	23	25	5	9	12
	180	5½	11	17	16	18	21
	Series	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Pisons	420	65	73	87	1	6	8½
(*483)	460	24	44	59	5½	15	20
	500	4½	24	36	29	37	41
	Series	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Abbey Nat.	240	49	52	59	1½	4	5
(*278)	260	32	37	44	4	7	9
	280	16	24	33	11	16	17
Amstrad	60	24	26	28	1	2½	2½
(*81)	70	15½	19	22	1¾	5	5½
	80	8	12½	17	5	8	10
Barclays	390	86	95	–	3½	8½	–
(*463)	420	60	70	80	7½	16	19
	460	32	42	53	21	30	34
Blue Circle	240	41	46	48	5	9	12
(*277)	260	24	32	36	11	16	20
	280	14	23	25	23	28	30
Br Gas	220	34	37	39	2	5½	7
(*247)	240	19	21	26	7	12½	15
	260	9	11	16	16	24	26
Dixons	160	35	37	41	2½	6	8
(*187)	180	19	23	29	8	13	16
	200	9	14	18½	19	23	26
Glaxo	1050	127	–	177	15	–	37
(*1139)	1100	90	–	147	29	–	53
	1150	62	–	117	50	–	75
Hawker	500	100	112	122	8	14	21
(*584)	550	57	80	85	20	32	38
	600	30	55	60	45	55	65
Hillsdown	220	37	45	–	6	11	–
(*249)	240	23	33	38	11	20	21
	260	12	23	28	25	29	32
Lonrho	220	49	53	–	2	5	–
(*262)	240	33	37	44	5	10	12
	260	18	24	31	12	18	19

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Midland	160	53	56	–	1½	4	–
(*206)	180	36	40	46	4	7	9½
	200	21	27	35	10	15	17
	220	10½	18	24	21	26	28
Reuter	800	117	138	163	20	30	38
(*886)	850	85	110	133	32	48	58
	900	55	85	110	55	70	80
R-Royce	140	31	36	38	2	3	5
(*165)	160	15	22	26	6	9	11
	180	6½	12	16	17	20	22
Sears	80	16	16	18	2½	3	4
(*93)	90	7	10	12	6	8	10
	100	2½	5½	7	13	14	16
THF	260	27	34	36	8	12	13
(*280)	280	13	23	26	18	22	24
	300	7	14	–	32	34	–
Thorn EMI	650	112	108	113	4	14	17
(*744)	700	70	67	78	12	27	33
	750	37	40	51	30	52	55
	800	17	21	–	60	84	–
TSB	130	28	30	–	1½	3½	–
(*153)	140	18	22½	25	3	5½	6
	160	7	10½	13½	11	14	15
Vaal Reefs	50	9½	11½	14	3½	6	7½
(*$55)	60	4½	7½	10	9	12	13
Wellcome	460	89	107	119	7	16	19
(*538)	500	60	80	94	16	27	31
	550	31	53	67	35	48	53
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Eastn Elec	140	36	39	40	2	4	5
(*172)	160	18	21	23	4	11	12
	180	7	10	12	12	22	24
Sthrn Elec.	140	41	–	–	1½	–	–
(*177)	160	22	–	–	2½	–	–
	180	9	–	–	10	–	–
Elec Pack	1800	140	–	–	50	–	–
(*£1890)	1850	110	–	–	60	–	–
	1900	80	–	–	80	–	–
	Series	**Jun**	**Sep**	**–**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**–**
Nat Power	130	13	16	–	5	9	–
(*135)	140	7	11	–	9	14	–
	160	2½	4½	–	26	30	–

FT-SE INDEX (*£2519)

	2350	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600
Calls						
Apr	205	163	117	77	49	24
May	210	178	136	106	73	46
Jun	238	198	160	124	93	70
Jul	247	210	172	138	105	82
Dec	–	305	–	229	–	175
Puts						
Apr	6	11	16	31	52	84
May	16	23	31	48	66	98
Jun	23	31	40	55	81	107
Jul	32	39	55	73	94	127
Dec	–	75	–	105	–	150

April 3, 1991 Total: 32136 Calls 21594 Puts 10542 FT-SE: Calls 7952 Puts 4150
*Underlying security price.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

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may not own the s most famous department store, but he will, at be the star attraction in ish department. This ng, a man-eating Mako from a taxidermist in tius, measuring more 12 ft and weighing lb — and, as such, the argest ever caught — will ered into pole position l one of the fish rs in Harrods food hall. ark, caught with a rod el by Leo Kennedy, a hipping broker, whose Kennedy Marr specialthe sale and purchase of re exploration and tion marine hardware, he most talked about of the British Marlin ionships last year. "It ken a year to get it ," says Kennedy. Then, rch of somewhere to it, Kennedy, aged 55, o Mohamed Al-Fayed, an of Harrods, and it to him. Al-Fayed not ccepted the offer, but en Kennedy £3,000 to rse him for the taxiderbill, and has decided he shark will called after his long-time ry, Tiny Rowland, the ecutive of Lonrho.

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ncrease in tax to ben employees supplied obile telephones may ity high-flyers complaining bitterly into their champagne glasses, but it has raised a sigh of relief at that most traditional of luncheon venues, the Grill at the Savoy Hotel. Mobile phones have long been banned from the hotel's premises, in response to complaints from other guests, and Angelo Maresca, influential *maître d'* of the Grill, admits that he and his staff "pounce" on anyone they see even attempting to use one at one of their tables. A little over a week ago, one prospective Grill diner, awaiting the arrival of his luncheon companion, had hoped to while away the time by making a few business calls on his portable telephone, while sitting in the adjacent lobby. When he eventually entered the Grill, clearly still taken aback by what had subsequently befallen him, he told Maresca that almost as soon as he had dialled the first number a beautiful female approached him, bearing a silver tray, upon which was a sweet. Unable to resist temptation, especially when so temptingly served, he paused, helped himself to the offering, then discovered a note beneath it, advising him that mobile telephones were not permitted at that particular establishment. "He did not take offence at all," says Maresca. "And he admitted that only at the Savoy could such a potentially difficult message be conveyed with such style."

A CITY gent travelling along the back roads of Ireland, during the Easter weekend, came upon a handwritten sign that read: "Potholes". Further on, he came upon a second sign: "Big Ones". Finally he came upon a third sign: "Now".

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Striking out

WHAT chance of a deal at Tottenham Hotspur plc in the next few days? Terry Venables, the manager and consortium leader, says "yes". Nat Solomon, the chairman of the long suffering plc, says "yes". But, at Brown Shipley, the merchant bank with the unenviable job of advising Tottenham, they seem to know something the others do not. Callers for Jeremy Knight, the Brown Shipley director in charge of the Tottenham negotiations, are informed that he has gone on holiday for three weeks. Like Spurs' star striker, Gary Lineker, he has had a hard season and no doubt deserves the rest.

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WORLD MARKETS

Dow slips slightly after big advance

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ARES generally extended ir opening gains in the late rning with the Nasdaq ex and Standard & Poor's index continuing to be at ord highs. The 30 shares in Dow Jones industrial average traded in a tight band as y consolidated Tuesday's advance. The Dow average two points down at 2,943.05. The Nasdaq index rose three points to 494 and the S&P 500 was up one point at 380. The market tone was strong in the belief that interest rates will be cut.

● **Singapore** — Prices closed mixed after bargain hunting alternated with profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index ended 7.52 points higher at 1,488.01. *(Reuter)*

Nikkei rises by 2%

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ICES closed sharply higher er both Wall Street and the advanced on Tuesday. e Nikkei index jumped 3.06 points, or 2.01 per nt, to 26,780.06.

The return of overseas vestors as strong buyers and her bond prices also osted sentiment, but the rket was still waiting for a nmitment by institutions. rnover was a moderate 650 llion shares, the highest ce mid-March, compared th 400 million on Tuesday.

Hong Kong — The bull run showed few signs of faltering as fresh buying drove the Hang Seng index up 79.71 points to end 2.1 per cent higher at 3,869.70. The broader-based Hong Kong index climbed 48.73 to 2,531.07.

● **Frankfurt** — Shares surged 2.5 per cent in active trading. The Dax index ended 38.88 points higher at 1,577.50.

● **Sydney** — The market cautiously tracked bullish offshore markets to close higher in relatively light turnover. The All-Ordinaries index finished 22.2 points higher at 1,457.0. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Apr 3 midday	Apr 2 close		Apr 3 midday	Apr 2 close		Apr 3 midday	Apr 2 close
r Lab	49%	49%	Enron	56%	57	Oryx Enrgy	33%	33%
t Life	46%	46%	Entergy	24%	24%	Pac Ent	36	36%
nson	18%	18	Ethyl	30	30	Pac Gas Elec	26%	26%
ods	68%	67%	Exxon	58%	59	Pac Telesis	42	42%
sons	46%	46%	Fed NMA	47%	47	Paccar	39%	39%
1 Al	21%	21%	Fedrl Expra	35%	35%	Pacificorp	22%	22%
Stand	32	31%	Ft Norstar	16%	16%	Pall	35%	35%
Signal	29%	29%	Fluor	49%	48%	Paramount	41	40%
n CA	65%	65%	FMC	36%	37	Parker-Hanfn	25	25
nds	43%	44%	Ford Motor	32%	32%	Penney	56%	54%
mmd	54%	54%	FPL	30%	30%	Pennzoil	74%	75
PC	29%	28%	Fst Chicago	23%	22%	Pepsico	34%	35%
eneral	40	39%	Fst Intrsta	32%	32%	Pfizer	57%	58%
ome	59%	59	Fst Union	20%	20%	Phlps Pet	28	28%
al	99%	97%	Gannett	40%	40	Philips Elec	19%	19%
edical	6%	6%	Gen Cinema	23%	23%	Phlip Morris	69%	69%
tores	87%	87%	Gen Elec	72%	72%	Phlps Dodge	66	67%
r	25%	25%	Gen Mills	58%	56%	Pitney Bow	59	58%
Hess	47	47	Gen Motors	39%	38%	Plcr Dome	14%	14%
tech	67%	67%	Gen RE	100%	99%	PNC Fncl	33%	33%
	29%	29%	Gen Signal	43%	42%	Prhdle Estn	14%	14%
co	53%	53%	Genentech	28	28%	Polaroid	24%	25
	53%	53%	Genuine Pts	36%	36%	PPG Inds	48%	49
	59%	58%	Georgia-Pac	42%	41%	Prctr Gmble	85%	85%
user-B	53%	53%	Gillette	77%	76%	Price	48%	47%
Comp	71%	72%	Goodrich	42%	42%	Primerica	31	31%
r-Dan	23%	23%	Goodyear	25%	24%	Pub Service	27%	27%
	19	19%	Grace	30%	29%	Quaker Oats	59	58%
trong	30%	29%	Greyhound	31%	31%	Ralston Pur	58%	59
co	28%	28	Gt Atlantic	55%	55%	Raychem	26%	25%
nd Oil	30	29%	Gt Western	17%	17%	Raytheon	82%	81%
r	34%	34%	GTE	32	32	Reebok	23%	23%
Richfld	126%	127%	Halliburtn	49%	45%	Roadway	50%	60
DP	66	64%	Heinz	39%	39%	Rockwell	26	26%
y Intl	24%	23%	Hercules	34%	36	Rohm Hass	43%	44%
Prod	45%	44%	Hershey Fd	41%	41%	Royal Dutch	79	79
nore	28%	29%	Hewlett Pkd	51%	50%	Rubbermaid	59%	61%
One	35	35	Hilton Htl	41%	41%	Rynlds Mtl	58	57%
america	37%	37%	Home Depot	57%	55%	Safeco	41%	40%
	23%	24	Homestake	16%	16%	Salomon	29	28%
ett Bt	24	23%	Honeywell	60%	59%	Sant Fe Pac	7%	7%
ch Lmb	69%	68	Houston Ind	36%	36%	Sara Lee	40%	40%
er Intl	34%	34	Hsehld Intl	46	45	Schecorp	38%	38%
Dickin	81%	79%	Humana	49%	48%	Schlumbgr	57	57%
Atlan	52	52%	IBM	113%	113	Schrg-Plgh	49%	49%
outh	53%	54	IF&F	80%	78%	Scott Papr	39%	39%
ughes	28%	28%	Illinois TW	58%	58	Seagram	96%	95%
k Decker	12%	12%	Inco	34%	34%	Sears Rbk	35%	35%
k	53%	53%	Ingsol-Rand	46%	45%	Secrty Pac	25%	25%
s Tst NY	43%	42%	Inland Steel	19%	19%	Shrwn-Wlms	23	22%
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e Casc	25%	26	Intl Paper	61	60%	Snap-on Tls	31%	31%
den	37%	35	ITT	58%	57	Southern	27%	28
-Myer	79	79%	James River	27%	28%	St Paul	73%	72%
ang-Fer	27%	26%	Johnsn Jhsn	96%	96%	Stanley Wk	35%	35%
Nth	29%	29%	K Mart	42%	42	Stone Cntr	15%	15%
	8%	9	Kellogg	94%	93%	Sun Co	33%	33
pbell Sp	83	80%	Kerr-McGee	42%	42%	Suntst Bk	27%	27%
Cities	455	452	Kimbly-Clrk	87%	87%	Super Valu	27%	27%
tal HC	49%	49%	Knght-Riddr	50%	51%	SW Bell	55%	55%
line	48%	48%	Lilly	82%	81%	Syntex	82%	80%
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	30%	30%	Nat Medical	46%	46%	US West	39%	39%
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	50%	50%	Nat Service	28%	28%	USF&G	9%	9%
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	57	57	Ohio Edi	19	18%	Wrner-Lamb	76%	75
on El	45%	44%	Oracle Sys	11%	10%	Xerox	58%	57%

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
y Nat	2,900	CU	975	Lucas	1,882	Royal Ins	2,039
yons	1,887	Courtaulds	1,318	M&S	9,741	Sainsbury	3,256
an	852	Enterprise	673	Maxwell Cm	2,807	Scot & N	1,283
	3,906	Eurotunnel	801	MEPC	341	Sears	2,434
oods	294	Fisons	1,780	Midland	3,464	Severn Trnt	1,532
	3,921	Gen Acc	911	Natl Power	12,000	Shell	4,434
	2,425	GEC	5,855	Nat West	3,907	Smith & N	2,888
	3,041	Glaxo	3,067	N W Water	2,623	SK Beech	2,444
	5,845	Grand Met	5,000	P&O	1,008	Sun Allnce	1,295
	1,897	GUS 'A'	605	Pearson	477	Tarmac	1,966
ays	2,357	GRE	2,924	Pilkington	2,358	Tate Lyle	1,982
	1,211	Guinness	2,386	PowerGen	11,000	TSB	2,990
	867	Hamm 'A'	1,800	Prudential	2,791	Tesco	4,386
otlnd	1,288	Hanson	8,191	Racal	5,241	Thames Wtr	753
Circle	1,575	H & C	1,827	Rk Hovis	2,079	Thorn EMI	459
	1,416	Hawker	353	Rank	231	Trafalgar	1,992
	1,898	Hillsdown	1,903	R&C	244	THF	1,580
ro	2,442	ICI	1,273	Redland	938	Ultramar	785
ways	1,990	Kingfisher	1,712	Reed	513	Unilever	902
s	7,900	Lasmo	1,074	Reuters	1,383	United Bis	1,846
trol	8,958	Ladbroke	3,082	RMC Gp	471	Wellcome	908
el	5,182	Land Sec	1,109	RTZ	2,199	Whitbrd	1,619
ecm	9,521	L&G	1,324	R-Royce	4,615	Wig Teape	4,555
	8,706	Lloyds	3,661	Rothmn 'B'	360	Willems	361
ry	1,985	Lonrho	2,822	Royal Bank	905	Willis Cor	1,344

MAJOR INDICES

York:
Jones .... 2947.28 (+2.23)*
Composite .... 380.94 (+1.44)*

o:
i Average .. 26780.06 (+526.06)
Kong:
Seng .... 3869.70 (+79.71)
E Euro 100 ..... 1116.86 (+16.25)

terdam:
Tendency .... 98.2 (+1.8)
ey: AO .... 1457.0 (+22.2)
kfurt: DAX .... 1577.50 (+38.88)

sels:
eral .... 5810.24 (+16.91)
: CAC .... 489.89 (+6.38)
h: SKA Gen .... 556.9 (+5.9)

ton:
A All-Share ... 1220.31 (+15.03)
"500" .... 1343.90 (+16.49)
old Mines .... 137.4 (−0.8)
ixed interest .... 94.70 (+0.10)
Govt Secs .... 85.35 (+0.26)
ains 56978
Volume 704.1m
(Datastream) ... 138.63 (+0.88)

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RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberdeen Tst	61 +1
Atlantis Resources	37
Aberforth Smlr (100p)	117
Alliance Res	44
Brabant Res (155p)	134
CMW Group (30p)	56
Castle Calm (50p)	37
Drayton Blue Chip	101 +1
EFM Java Tst (50p)	41
East German Inv	115
Eidos (100p)	60
Etonbrook	68 −1
Europe Energy	15
Faber Prest (175p)	129
Highcroft Inv	165
Invergordon (135p)	161
Levercrest (108p)	88
MMEC	3½
MMI (20p)	24

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RIGHTS ISSUES

Persimmon N/P	36
Redland N/P	82 +8
Sage Gp N/P	31

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

ealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
18	April 5	June 27	July 8

ptions were taken out on: 3/4/91 ADT, Barratt Devs, Budgens, Control Secs, on, Eurotunnel Wts, Pittencrieff, Premier Cons Oil, Saatchi & Saatchi, Whitegate

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STOCK MARKET

Overnight gains propel shares to record

OVERNIGHT gains in both New York and Tokyo encouraged investors in London to chase shares to record levels.

The FT-SE 100 index, which staged a 50-point turnaround on Tuesday, extended its gains, closing 30.8 points up at a all-time closing high of 2,519.1. That compares with its previous best of 2,500.3, achieved last month.

At one stage, the index was almost 40 points ahead and threatening to breach the highest-ever trading level of 2,527.1, also recorded in March. The FT index of 30 shares achieved a rise of 28.3 to 2,014.2.

However, dealers said this latest flurry of activity owed much to technical factors, with traders feeling the squeeze because of stock shortages. Demand on the futures market for the FT-SE 100 index June series resulted in exaggerated price movements. An impressive 704 million shares were traded, although dealers said that this had been artificially swollen by a large number of bed and breakfast deals by institutional investors, establishing tax losses before the end of the financial year tomorrow.

Brokers are now cautious about the short-term outlook after the market's recent strong performance. Many of them believe that it may be close to peaking and they are bracing themselves for a bout of profit taking.

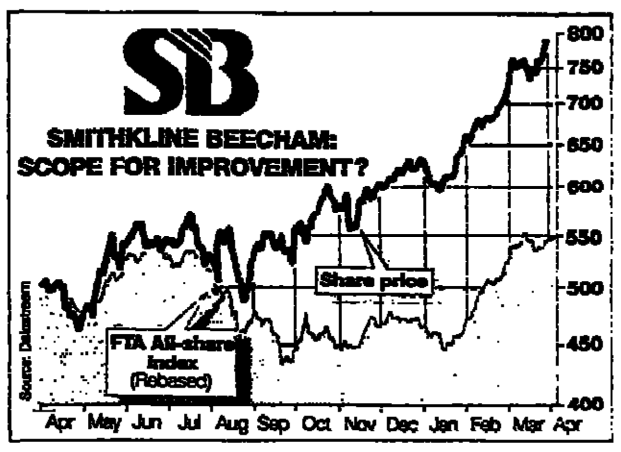
They claim that either the increasing demands by companies for extra funds or today's meeting of the Bundesbank to discuss higher German interest rates could give the signal for profit taking.

Government securities achieved gains of almost £½ at the longer end in thin trading.

The institutions' early attention was centred on those leading shares that had been left behind by the latest surge. The utilities, which enjoy a strong rating and would benefit from any further cuts in interest rates, fitted the bill. Among the water companies, **Anglian** rose 7p to 301p, **Northumbrian** 2p to 309p, **North West** 8p to 293p, **Severn Trent** 4p to 282p, **Southern** 1p to 270p, **Thames** 6p to 300p, **Welsh** 8p to 344p, **Wessex** 15p to 373p, and **Yorkshire** 3p to 321p, while the water package advanced £56 to £3,018.

Ultramar shrugged off the worries affecting the rest of the oil sector with a rise of 6p to 328p. County NatWest WoodMac points out that the shares are trading at a three-year relative low because of fears about West Coast refining margins. County says these fears are unfounded.

The gains among the electricity distributors were even more marked. **Eastern** rose 7p to 173p, **East Midlands** 7p to 187p, **London** 5p to 178p, **Manweb** 11p to 238p, **Midlands** 5p to 178p, **Northern** 5p to 187p, **Norweb** 6p to 193p, **Seeboard** 5p to 176p, **Southern** 3p to 177p, **South Wales** 11p to 252p, **South West** 6p to 187p, and **Yorkshire** 7p to 204p. The electricity package rose £67 to £1,890. The two generators also benefited, with **PowerGen** 1½p up at 131½p and **National Power** 2½p higher at 135p.



Tesco continued to please the market with a set of full-year figures at the top end of expectations. Pre-tax profits rose 28 per cent to £417 million, excluding £19.1 million of property profits. The final figure was slightly above the figure forecast by the group at the time of its £572 million rights issue in January.

Sir Ian MacLaurin, the chairman, said the group was maintaining sales growth in volume terms and that its market share had increased from 8.7 per cent to 9.2 per cent. The shares responded to the news with a rise of 4p to 274p. Analysts are forecasting pre-tax profits of £570 million for the current year as the benefits of the group's expansion programme start to filter through.

The figures from Tesco also cheered other food retailers with **Sainsbury** 8p better at 358p, **Asda Group** 3p to 129p, **Argyll** 4p to 298p and **Shoprite** 1p to 180p.

Wiggins Teape Appleton, the paper producer, climbed 13p to 230p despite reporting a drop in pre-tax profits of £15.3 million to £158.2 million. The figures were the first published by the group since it was floated by BAT Industries last year. Stephen Walls, the chairman, blamed depressed pulp prices and lower margins on paper on both sides of the Atlantic. But the figures were at the upper end of City forecasts and Mr Walls reassured analysts by saying that the group was in a strong position to cope with the difficult conditions likely this year.

SmithKline Beecham A shares climbed 15p to 787p, helped by a buy note from BZW which has been taking a long-term look at earnings growth. The group's anti-ulcer drug, Tagamet, is due to come off patent in America in 1994 with sales dropping dramatically if new marketing agreements cannot be negotiated. BZW calculates that earnings growth is likely to slow to 11 per cent but, if new agreements can be negotiated, the rate of growth is likely to be nearer 15 per cent.

It looks as if the worst may be over at Benson Group, unchanged at 12p, as it recently returned to the black. Bell Lawrie White, the broker, says the new management, new products and potential growth from acquisitions should justify the interest being shown by recovery funds.

SB has a number of drugs that are likely to come on stream before then, including a new anti-depressant. Jonathan de Pass, an analyst, says the market has so far failed to appreciate the high level of sales growth that the new drug is likely to achieve.

As the dollar continues to strengthen, the discount between the units and the A shares is likely to narrow, making the A more attractive. BZW says there is scope for improvement among the A shares in the short term.

The oil sector failed to share in the rest of the market euphoria after several securities houses decided to take a bearish stance. Warburg Securities was said to be a big seller and rival Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull was also reckoned to have taken a bearish stance, worried that the fall in the oil price had hit the asset values of the leading independent explorers. The message going out to fund managers suggested that there was little to go for in the short term.

Enterprise Oil led the way down with a fall of 9p to 573p, worried by unconfirmed reports that the group had sealed another dry well in Vietnam. Falls were also seen in **BP**, 2p to 331p, **Lasmo**, 1p to 346p, and **Shell**, 4p to 483p.

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1990 PRELIMINARY RESULTS

	THE GROUP WITHOUT ARJOMARI (pro forma figures)		THE GROUP WITH ARJOMARI (pro forma figures)	
	1990	1989	1990	1989
Turnover (£m)	1,506.4	1,511.6	2,598.6	2,423.8
Operating Profit before exceptional items (£m)	171.4	174.0	282.2	273.0
Profit before Taxation (£m)	158.2	173.5	259.6	262.6
Profit after Taxation (£m)	103.2	108.9	174.1	173.7
Earnings per Share (p)	20.8	21.9	21.5	21.3
Dividends per Share (p)	8.35	—	—	—
Dividend Cover (times)	2.5	—	—	—
Interest Cover (times)	14.4	7.7	12.7	8.3
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt/Fixed	112.6	119.8●	+0.3	9.62
High Inc Equity	137.7	146.4●	-2.5	5.81
W'wide Bond	202.7	215.9	+0.2	8.95
Amer Growth	187.4	200.4	-8.6	1.00
Asian Pacific	126.3	134.3	-1.7	0.16
Assets/Earns	175.4	186.5	-0.9	2.82
Capitl Res	103.7	109.7●	+0.08	7.31
Comm/Energy	76.3	81.6●	-2.7	0.92
Euro Capitl	63.48	68.26●	-0.74	1.46
General	169.5	181.0	-4.4	2.76
Japan	100.4	107.3	+0.4	0.00
UK Gth Inc	102.4	109.5●	-5.3	2.19
Do Acc	159.5	170.5●	-8.9	2.18
US Emerg Cos	52.84	54.85	-3.34	0.00
Income/Gth	308.0	327.2	-8.6	4.26
Mastertst Acc	88.06	94.18	-1.71	2.26
Am Inc	45.75	48.93	-1.49	7.09
Ethical	48.92	52.32	-1.63	2.81

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ
Tel: 071-374 8801

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Inc/Gth	28.19	29.99●	-0.99	2.67
Euro	71.50	75.87	+0.71	0.00
Euro Inc	74.71	78.81●	+0.79	1.58
Exmpt	747.1	775.1●	-1.0	3.00
Extra Inc	40.00	43.22●	+0.17	5.79
F/E Emerg Ec	51.18	55.16	-0.23	1.16

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 514514 dealing:0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Inc	361.8	385.3●	+2.3	5.03
Equity Inc	197.2	210.0	+1.4	5.28
High Yield	209.2	222.7	+1.2	5.17
Balanced	532.7	567.3	+4.1	3.41
Am Inc	32.52	34.63	-0.70	4.19
World Acc Val	31.50	33.54	-0.24	1.52
Japan	134.8	142.5	+0.8	0.01
Sec of Am	289.5	308.3	-8.3	0.26

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capitl	87.86	94.59	-0.66	3.82
Euro Gth Inc	91.13	97.20	+0.93	1.89
Extra Inc	98.74	105.6e	-0.66	6.07
General	196.1	209.7●	-1.1	3.93
Gt/Fxd Income	50.54	52.39●	+0.10	10.25
Inc Trust	438.9	467.3	-3.3	6.78

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
Tel: 081-658 9002

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	83.15	88.82	-1.42	0.50
Am Sm Cos	68.45	72.65c	-1.18	0.30
Australia	52.62	56.82	-0.57	1.80
Convertible	44.37	48.20●	+0.22	8.50

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M22AF
Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealings:061-236 5362
Capability Trusts

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am & Gen	85.77	91.25●	-0.65	0.59
Do Acc	91.14	96.96●	-0.70	0.59
European	56.86	60.41	+0.31	1.55
Do Acc	58.17	61.80	+0.32	1.55
F East/Gen	50.07	53.27	-0.29	0.00
Do Acc	50.07	53.27	-0.29	0.00
Glenfriars	224.5	238.9●	-1.1	2.05
Do Acc	243.3	258.9●	-1.1	2.05
Growth	280.9	298.9●	+2.4	3.49
Do Acc	457.1	486.3●	+3.8	3.48
Inc &Gth Inc	327.6	348.5	+1.8	5.19
Do Acc	397.8	423.2	+2.1	5.19
Master Portfl	£61.79	66.09c	-0.22	3.07
Do Acc	£30.26	65.04c	+0.32	3.07
Spec Sits	62.35	66.33	+0.45	3.34
Do Acc	69.39	73.82	+0.51	3.34
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.45	10.78	+0.07	5.63
Do Acc	£11.02	11.37	+0.07	5.63

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 071-626 0566 071-626 6363

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Index	138.0	147.2	-4.1	2.26
Capitl	459.2	490.0●	-3.0	4.05
Euro Index	106.9	114.0	+0.4	2.16
Euro Growth	70.58	75.32	+0.25	2.52
Far East $ &	66.13	70.57	-0.55	0.83
Gold Gen $ $	55.70	59.44	-0.67	5.22
Income	438.4	467.8●	-5.8	5.42
Intl Gth	60.99	65.02	-0.32	2.18
Jap Index	64.57	68.69	+0.42	0.18
N Amer	284.7	303.8●	-9.9	1.79
Tiger Index	88.92	94.89	-0.86	1.90
UK Index	106.1	113.2	+1.5	4.14

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN
Tel: 071-606 0708

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Portf	54.73	58.53	-0.31	2.43
Euro Portf	61.41	65.66●	+0.38	1.50
Jap Portf	45.31	48.22	+0.48	2.26
Pacific Portf	57.82	61.96	+0.91	2.50
Portf	57.99	62.03	+0.05	2.89
UK Inc/Gth	56.01	60.03●	-0.05	7.11

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv	517.0	523.2	..	5.43
Fixed Int	137.0	137.7●	..	10.53
Deposit	100.0		..	13.20

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	496.0	498.7●	..	5.69

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Inc	61.24	65.25●	-0.17	6.35
Pacific	35.77	38.01	-0.13	1.05
Smlr Jap Cos	64.85	68.69	+2.47	0.00
Tokyo	180.0	190.1	+1.8	0.00
Ex Am 2	155.4	168.7●	-0.8	1.57
Ex Jap 3	119.9	128.2	..	0.09
Ex Smlr Jap 4	535.0	549.7	..	0.09

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Oriental Op Acc	59.54	63.34	-0.66	1.34
Japanese	54.28	57.72	-0.01	0.00
UK Balan Inc	93.39	99.35	-0.13	3.51
Do Acc	103.9	110.5	-0.1	3.51
UK Gth Accum	151.3	161.0	-0.2	2.22
UK Hi Inc	113.4	120.6	-0.5	5.77
UK Hi Inc Acc	117.2	124.8	-0.5	5.77
N Amer Acc	74.02	78.74	-2.40	1.16
Euro Acc	102.5	109.0	+1.2	0.25
UK Gilt/FI Inc	54.75	58.09	+0.16	8.21
Do Acc	75.87	80.51	+0.22	8.21
Intl Sp S Acc	39.41	41.93	-0.32	0.89
Envrontl Opp	52.26	55.60c	-0.11	1.45

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Harrington Gardens London SW7 4JU
Tel: 071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	143.3	152.4	..	2.36

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Eqtble Pelican	107.0	112.8c	..	4.76
High Inc	110.1	116.9	..	6.16
Gt/Fxd Interest	48.45	51.00	..	8.61
T Of Inv Tst	109.4	116.2	..	3.16
Spec Sits	97.72	102.8	..	4.23
N Am	72.27	76.97	..	1.31
Far East	173.5	182.7	..	1.24
Intl Gth	75.05	78.99●	..	2.66
Euro	55.28	58.17	..	1.96
Smlr Cos	55.79	58.73	..	5.13

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Accum	251.7	267.8c	+1.3	3.56
Do Inc	192.1	204.4c	+0.9	3.56
Higher Inc Acc	447.8	476.4c	+1.5	5.27
Do Inc	303.2	322.6c	+1.0	5.27
Gilt/Fxd Acc	133.1	140.2●	+0.6	8.17
Do Inc	79.65	83.85●	+0.32	8.17
N America	155.9	165.9c	-2.1	0.00
Far East	221.5	236.0c	-0.8	0.74
Europe	207.3	220.6c	+1.5	0.34
Genrl	344.6	366.6c	+0.8	3.75
Genrl Acc	356.8	379.4c	+0.8	3.75
Br Excellence	52.78	56.15	-0.58	3.54
Br Fmnls Inc	56.69	60.53●	-0.93	6.66
Do Acc	66.79	71.06●	-1.06	6.66
Global Ops	55.32	58.86	+0.07	0.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	150.1	159.7	-3.8	0.00
Cash Unit	127.23		●+0.17	13.23

SUN ALLIANCE
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56293

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Acc	591.9	633.0	+4.2	3.40
NAm Acc	73.55	78.66	-3.30	1.77
Far East Acc	92.58	99.02	+0.04	1.21
W'wide Bond	46.06	48.99●	-0.32	8.47
European	84.71	89.21	+0.81	1.48
Equity Inc	70.23	75.11	-0.80	5.26
W'wide Tech	41.47	44.35	-0.39	1.80
W'wide Fincl	34.71	37.12	+0.01	4.13

The prices in thi section refer to Tuesday's tradin

** Yield expressed as CAR (C Annual Return) ● Ex dividend dividend. k Cum stock split. s split. ss Cum all (any two or above). a Ex all (any two or above). Dealing or valuation c Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wedne Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 92.7 (day's range 92.7-92.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 3	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7765-1.7795	1.7775-1.7785	0.97-0.96pr	2.59-2.56pr
Montrl	2.0510-2.0582	2.0521-2.0559	0.63-0.55pr	1.00-0.91pr
Amstrdm	3.3444-3.3517	3.3444-3.3480	1⅝-⅛pr	2¾-2⅜pr
Brussels	60.97-61.27	60.97-61.18	20-15pr	46-37pr
Copnhgn	11.3593-11.4116	11.3724-11.3966	3-2¾pr	7-6¾pr
Dublin	1.1117-1.1129	1.1119-1.1129	13-18ds	22-40ds
Frankft	2.9634-2.9746	2.9634-2.9669	⅝-¾ds	2¾-2pr
Lisbon	259.78-261.54	259.78-260.82	25-30ds	37-126ds
Madrid	183.53-184.71	183.53-184.16	8-16ds	13-49ds
Milan	2209.08-2218.15	2211.85-2216.46	3-1pr	4-2pr
Oslo	11.5407-11.5890	11.5431-11.5674	1⅞-1⅝pr	5⅜-4⅞pr
Paris	10.0485-10.0930	10.0695-10.0830	2⅛-2⅜pr	6⅞-6⅝pr
Stckhlm	10.7315-10.7770	10.7414-10.7653	⅝-⅛pr	⅞-⅝ds
Tokyo	244.01-244.63	244.32-244.63	1-⅞pr	2⅞-2⅝pr
Vienna	20.86-20.93	20.86-20.89	6¾-4¾pr	16⅞-14⅞pr
Zurich	2.5148-2.5212	2.5178-2.5210	1-⅞pr	2⅞-2pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17233.9-17274.7
Australia dollar	2.2793-2.2827
Bahrain dinar	n/a
Brazil cruzeiro *	435.113-435.860
Cyprus pound	0.8165-0.8265
Finland marka	6.99-7.05
Greece drachma	320.90-324.10
Hong Kong dollar	13.8430-13.8454
India rupee	34.68-35.06
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.8821-4.8868
Mexico peso	5285-5385
New Zealand dollar	3.0059-3.0128
Saudi Arabia riyal	n/a
Singapore dollar	3.1285-3.1322
S Africa rand (fin)	5.7925-5.8821
S Africa rand (com)	4.7627-4.7708
U A E dirham	n/a

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RAT

Ireland	1.5975
Singapore	1.7611
Malaysia	2.7482
Australia	1.2830
Canada	1.1547
Sweden	6.0550
Norway	6.5120
Denmark	6.4175
W Germany	1.6710
Switzerland	1.4165
Netherlands	1.8850
France	5.6690
Japan	137.40
Italy	1244.2
Belgium (Com)	34.4
Hong Kong	7.7968
Portugal	146.80
Spain	103.60
Austria	11.7

ECGD: *Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 28, 1991 Agre* Apr 23, 1991 to May 25, 1991 Scheme I: 13.52%. Schemes II & III: 13.71%. Re rate Mar 1, 1991 to Mar 28, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 12.472%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 12½ Finance Hse 13
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 12 Low 11½ Week fixed: 12½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 11⅞ ; 3 mth 11⅞ . Sell: 2 mth 11⅞ ; 3 mth: 11⅞ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	12³⁄₃₂-12¹⁄₃₂	11⅞-11²⁷⁄₃₂	11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⅝	11¹⁄₁₆-11	
Trade Bills (Dis):	12²³⁄₃₂	12⅜	12⁵⁄₁₆	11¹¹⁄₁₆	
Interbank:	12⁹⁄₁₆-12⅜	12¹⁵⁄₃₂-12⁷⁄₁₆	12⅜-12⁵⁄₁₆	11¹⁵⁄₁₆-11⅞	11⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆
(Overnight: open 12½, close 10 .					
Local Authority Deps:	12⁹⁄₁₆	n/a	12⅝	11⅞	11⅜
Sterling CDs:	12⅝-12⅝	12¹¹⁄₃₂-12⁹⁄₃₂	12⅜-12⁵⁄₁₆	11¹³⁄₁₆-11⅞	11⁷⁄₁₆-⁵⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	6.25-6.20	6.23-6.18	6.23-6.18	6.37-6.32	6.85-6.80
Building Society CDs:	12¹⁷⁄₃₂-¹⁵⁄₃₂	12⅜-12⁵⁄₁₆	12⁹⁄₃₂-⁷⁄₃₂	11²⁷⁄₃₂-11⅞	11¹⁵⁄₃₂-⁹⁄₁₆

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6⁵⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⁵⁄₁₆-6⅛	6⅜-6³⁄₁₆	6½-6⁵⁄₁₆	6⅛-5⅝
Deutschemark:	9-8⅞	9⅛-9	9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆	9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆	8⅜-7⅜
French Franc:	9⅝-9⅜	9⅝-9⅜	9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆	9½-9⅜	9⅜-8½
Swiss Franc:	9½-9¼	8⅝-8⅜	8⅝-8	8⅜-8	8-7
Yen:	8⅛-8	8⅛-8	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅝-7½	7⅜-6⅜

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $358.50-359.00 *Close: $358.80-359.30* *High: $359.30-359.80* *Low: $357.75-358.25* *Krugerrand: $358.50-359.50 (£201.75-202.75)*
Sovereigns: Old $87.00-88.00 (£48.50-49.50) New $85.00-86.00 (£47.50-48.50)
Platinum: $401.25 (£225.70) **Silver:** $4.11 (£2.315) **Palladium:** $94.45 (£53.10)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 28961	Jun 91	2570.0	2585.0	2560.0	2568.0
	Sep 91	2613.0	2613.0	2613.0	2607.0
	Dec 91				
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 116497	Jun 91	88.85	88.88	88.77	88.78
	Sep 91	89.49	89.54	89.44	89.46
	Dec 91	89.68	89.73	89.63	89.65
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 31794	Jun 91	93.56	93.58	93.51	93.53
	Sep 91	93.27	93.27	93.23	93.24
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 87404	Jun 91	90.73	90.77	90.70	90.79
	Sep 91	90.91	90.95	90.89	90.96
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 5738	Jun 91	95-20	95-21	95-13	95-17
	Sep 91				94-28
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 27924	Jun 91	92-11	93-00	92-11	92-29
	Sep 91				93-09
Japanese Govt Bond	Jun 91	95.99	96.13	95.97	96.01
	Sep 91	95.96	96.20	95.95	96.15
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 81096	Jun 91	85.20	85.25	85.06	85.17
	Sep 91	85.40	85.43	85.40	85.44
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 2298	Jun 91	90.64	90.67	90.64	90.66
	Sep 91				90.83

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
May	668-665	May	599-598	May	199.0-98.0
Jul	690-689	Jul	613-612	Aug	200.0-98.6
Sep	711-710	Sep	627-625	Oct	197.0-95.0
Dec	738-737	Nov	641-639	Dec	192.0-88.0
Mar	763-762	Jan	655-652	Mar	189.4-87.6
May	780-779	Mar	670-664	May	190.0-88.2
Vol: 5216		Vol: 3091		Vol: 716	

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
May	136.90	May	119.85	Apr	122.5-20.0
Jun	139.15	Sep	107.85	Jun	119.0-17.5
Sep	110.90	Nov	111.45	Aug	121.5-19.5
Nov	114.15	Jan	114.75	Oct	125.5-25.0
Jan	117.40	Mar	117.75	Dec	130.5-29.0
Vol:	343	Vol:	23	Vol:	110

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 71

	Open	Close
Apr (£/tonne)	112.0	111.0
May	141.0	141.0
Sep	80.0	80.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 3

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	87.25	208.30	109.54
(+/-)	-2.33	*+10.41	+1.07
Eng/Wales:	87.25	206.51	109.12
(+/-)	-2.33	+5.76	+1.08
(%)	+9.6	-13.3	+21.0
Scotland:	n/a	203.92	112.23
(+/-)	n/a	+27.30	+1.96
(%)	n/a	-69.2	-19.6

* *Estimated dead carcase weight*

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

Apr	Open:	unq
	Close:	112.8
May	Open:	unq
	Close:	113.8
Jun	Open:	unq
	Close:	113.8

Volume: 71

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London

Now that several north sea cargoes have been european market recovered. The states slid on states.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.86
Brent 15 day (May)	18.05
Brent 15 day (Jun)	17.90
W Texas Intermediate (May)	19.50
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	19.40

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas 1.5	232 (-2)	
Gasoil EEC	169 (+2)	
Non EEC 1H Apr	171 (+2)	
Non EEC 1H May	165 (n/c)	
3.5 Fuel Oil	85 (n/c)	
Naphtha	180 (n/c)	

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Apr	168.50 BID	Aug	169.25
May	163.25-63.50	Sep	166.00
Jun	161.25-61.75	Oct	169.00
Jul	161.25-61.75		

BRENT

Apr	17.75-17.85	Jun	17.90
May	18.00-18.10		

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low
Apr 91	1465	1456
May 91	1376	1376
Jul 91	1130	1119
Oct 91	1236	1236

Vol: 137 lots Open interest: 3339
Dry cargo index: 1506 -3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1370.0-1372.0	1358.0-1360.0	849850
Lead (£/tonne)	346.00-348.00	359.00-360.00	48125
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	*1218.0-1220.0*	*1185.0-1186.0*	*194325*
Tin ($/tonne)	5455.0-5460.0	5540.0-5545.0	6515
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1440.0-1441.0	1471.0-1472.0	550750
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940	840	Schroders	920	940●	+2	18.7	2.3	16.6
393	285	Stand Chart	383	388●	+18	28.7	6.9	22.7
165	124	TSB	151	154	+3½	8.5	5.6	12.8
611	409	Union Disc	575	585	–	40.7	8.1	22.5
485	314	Warburg SG	453	460	+9	20.0	4.4	8.0
160	109	Do 8% 'A'	149	152	+4	8.0	5.3	–
43¼	25	Wells Fargo	42⅛		●+1⅛	–	–	–
183	128	Westpac	177	181	+1	–	–	–
353	285	Westnat	345	355	–	11.9	3.4	8.5

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1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
575	480	Allied-Lyons	515	520	-5	23.4	4.5	10.9
10¼	867	Bass	942	958 r	+3	43.2	4.6	9.8
160	124	Boddington	148	152●	-3	8.0	5.3	10.1
244	173	Bulmer (H P)	235	240	-3	10.6	4.5	17.9
143	105	Burtonwood Brew	127	133	-4	5.3	4.1	12.1
170	125	Devenish (JA)	150	158	+4	7.1	4.6	11.3
61	53	Frederic Brewing Gp	53	55	–	–	–	–
639	523	Grand Met	630	632●	+12	27.2	3.3	18.0
359	274	Greenall Whit	340	345	–	12.3	3.9	13.2
434	374	Greene King	417	425	+1	18.6	3.2	15.0
918	717	Guinness	910	914●	+4	25.0	2.7	14.3
980	870¼	Hardys & Hansons	965	985	–	44.7	4.6	11.9
279	225	Highland Dist	257	262	+1	8.4	2.6	18.7
167	120	Invergordon Dist	159	163●	–	8.7	4.2	18.3
485	450	Mansfield	450	457	–	15.3	3.4	11.8
219	185	Marston Thompson	207	210	–	5.6	2.7	17.0
400	387	Matthew Clark	385	402●	–	18.0	4.5	13.9
303	240	Morland	299	305	–	8.6	2.8	14.4
812	556	SA Brewries	785	800	-15	–	–	–
409	338	Scot & New	376	380	-2	18.2	4.8	13.6
253	174	Vaux Group	223	228	–	11.7	5.2	11.7
519	409	Whitbread 'A'	479	482	-4	20.4	4.2	13.4
13¼	12¼	Do 'B'	13	13¼	–	20.4	1.5	37.3
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294	231	Severn Trent	280	283	+4	19.8	7.0	4.9
300	239	Sthrn Water	267	272	+1	20.0	7.4	5.6
327	255	South West	299	303	-1	23.2	7.7	4.6
315	253	Thames Water	299	301	+6	21.4	7.1	7.4
353	272	Welsh Water	342	345	+8	22.4	6.5	5.8
374	256	Wessex Water	370	375	+15	20.3	5.4	7.2
324	264	Yorkshire Water	319	323	+3	20.6	6.4	6.9
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Second city scores yet another first

One of the visitors to Birmingham's £160 million International Convention Centre (ICC) as it neared completion was Michael Heseltine.

As the minister responsible for keeping a rein on local authority spending, Mr Heseltine might have had something to say about the fact that Birmingham city council, not the private sector, is developing the ICC and will finance the project through long-term borrowing. The ICC is the largest project of its kind in the United Kindom.

However, when he was *environment* secretary in the early Eighties, Mr Heseltine closely identified with the need for urban revival in Britain's industrial cities, and he could hardly disagree with the motives for the ICC's construction. The project is intended to spearhead Birmingham's regeneration as it attempts to become an international business city.

The ICC, which opened this week, is backed by a grant of almost *£50 million from the* European Community. The city is borrowing the remainder against the assets of the National Exhibition Centre (NEC). This Birmingham-inspired venture has earned regular profits as Britain's biggest exhibition venue.

As a flagship development, the ICC is designed to make Birmingham Britain's leading location for national and international conferences, to complement the proven facilities of the NEC. The convention centre is near the city centre, where delegates' spending in hotels, restaurants and shops will create jobs and boost the service sector. Of the 120 functions booked in *the first year, 200,000* "delegate days" are forecast, bringing an estimated £30million of business.

Birmingham's new convention centre represents a gamble by the local authority

Albert Bore: luring money

The development represents an act of faith by the Labour-led city council. Until the slump of the Seventies and Eighties, Birmingham had prospered as the recognised national centre of manufacturing, but recession tore through the old industries, throwing tens of thousands out of work. The city decided never again to be so reliant on manufacturing, and sought to diversify its economic base and expand the service sector. The ICC is a gamble because it will open during recession, but the council would argue that because manufacturing is again being hit, as it was in the Eighties recession, the ICC has an even greater role to play.

Albert Bore, the chairman of the council's economic development committee, says the ICC is unlikely to make money, certainly not on the scale of the NEC, but the intention is not to make instant profits.

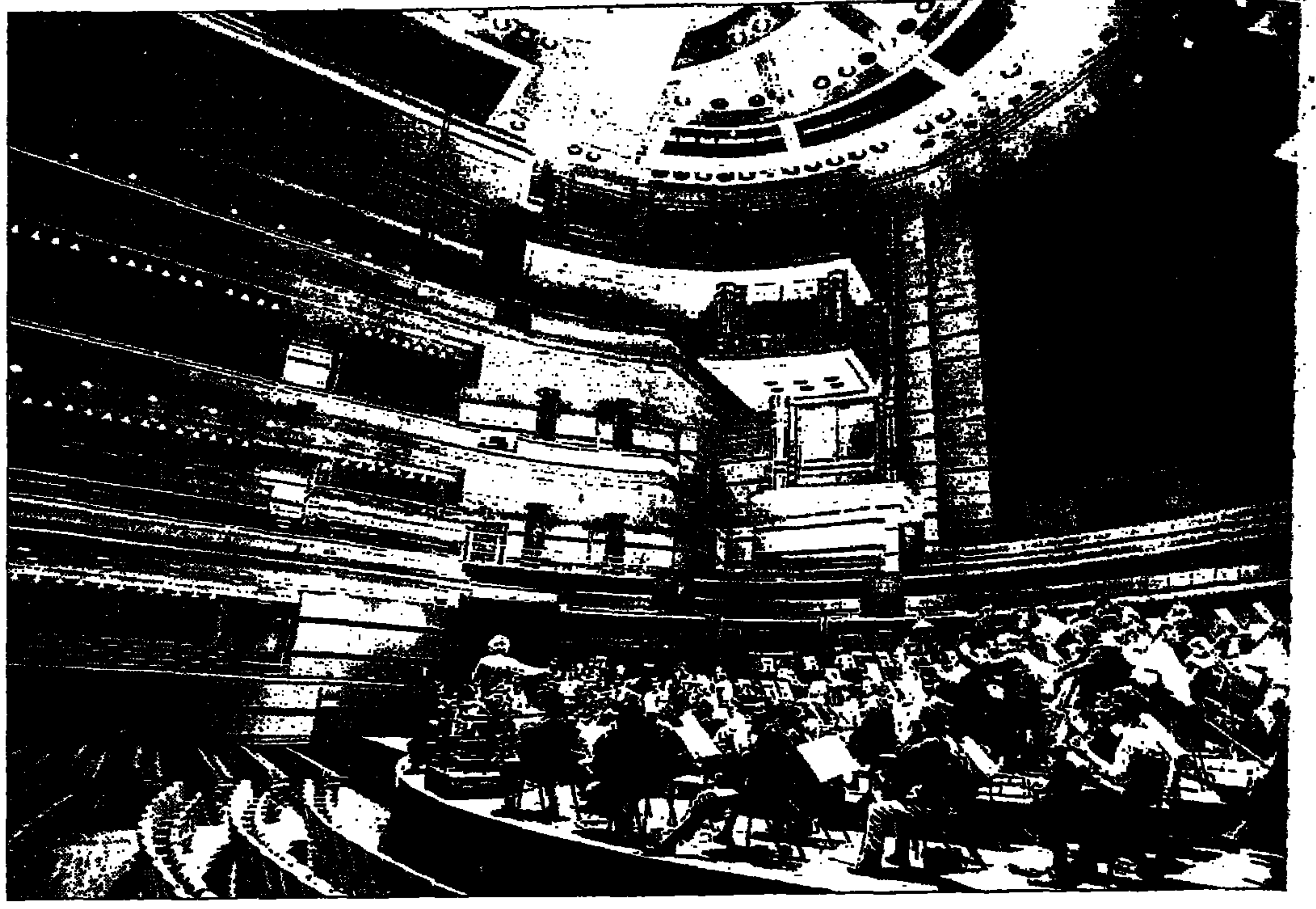
He says: "The purpose is to use the centre as a means of activating the Birmingham economy. What we are looking for is spending by delegates, the economic multiplier that will give a major gain to Birmingham and the West *Midlands.*"

The ICC, it is estimated, has acted as a catalyst leading to £2 billion worth of redevelopments, in which the private sector is crucial. Alongside the convention centre is a national indoor sports arena and opposite, a five-star Hyatt *hotel, one of three hotels that* have been opened in the past year. The ICC itself incorporates a 2,200-seat concert hall, to become the home of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, which built a name during the Eighties under its conductor, Simon Rattle. The Bull Ring shopping centre, a testament to Sixties planning, is to be replaced by a £500 million retail scheme.

Birmingham city council is a minority partner with five construction companies that are redeveloping 2,000 acres of east Birmingham for industry, commerce, housing and leisure in the UK's only private urban development agency, Birmingham Heartlands. In Chinatown, a shops project is nearing completion.

Birmingham's detractors say that a local authority should not be so free with public money and that developments such as the ICC should be left to the private sector.

The city council's leaders would reply that without the authority's initiative, the convention centre would not have been built. Municipal boldness, they say, has encouraged private investment.



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A note of style: the International Convention Centre includes a 2,200-seat concert hall, the new home of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orche

None better, even in Berli

In his office high up in the International Convention Centre (ICC), Barry Cleverdon, the general manager, can view the long, spacious central *mall that* will greet delegates arriving at the world's newest purpose-built facility for conferences and conventions.

Even before the £160 million centre opened at its canalside location in central Birmingham's Broad Street area this week, Mr Cleverdon had a vision that five years on the ICC would be recognised as one of the world's leading convention venues. Birmingham could by then have become Europe's foremost conference city, on a par with, or perhaps ahead of, Berlin, the current leader.

Of the 120 bookings so far, 85 conferences and events will be staged in the first year and *it is estimated that 80,000 to* 90,000 delegates will attend functions, each lasting an average of two-and-a-half days. British delegates are expected to spend £150 a day each in hotels, shops and restaurants. This should add £30 million in the first year to the city's economy.

The first convention will be for the British Small Animal Veterinary Association, attended by 2,500 delegates. In June, when the Queen officially opens the ICC, the International Olympic Committee gathers for its 97th session, when it will choose the venue for the 1998 Winter Olympics.

The ICC could become the most popular venue for leading European conferences within a few years

The 180,000 sq ft of the ICC include 11 main halls grouped around the covered, tree-lined central mall. Hall one is the main conference hall, with *1,500 tiered seats; hall three* is for exhibitions and conferences for up to 3,000 delegates or banquets for 2,500; and hall five is a theatre for 300 people. Others halls are multi-purpose venues and there are also ten executive meeting rooms for up to 50 people. The centre also incorporates a 2,200 seat symphony hall that will be the home of the City of Birmingham Symphony *Orchestra.*

Barry Cleverdon: vision

Linked to the convention centre by a bridge is a five-star Hyatt hotel, one of a number of hotel developments that have gone ahead in anticipation of increased demand once the ICC opens.

Mr Cleverdon says the ICC will operate at a deficit for about five years. "No meetings facility like this anywhere in the world makes a
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Luring the arts from London

Music, ballet and light opera are again making national headlines as big companies are drawn to the Midlands

WHEN Simon Rattle announced the start of an arts project in Birmingham, Bryan Bird, the chairman of the city's leisure committee, was pleased the city had again given the world of the performing arts something exciting to talk about.

Mr Rattle, the music director of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO), was giving details of Towards the Millennium, an annual festival of drama, films, concerts, exhibitions and other events, based on each decade of this century, to be staged in London and Birmingham, although the lion's share will take place in the Midlands city.

Mr Bird had every reason to be pleased. His leisure committee is responsible for council-sponsored arts initiatives, which last year led to the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet relocating from London to a permanent £4 million, council-provided headquarters at the Birmingham Hippodrome, where it has been renamed the *Birmingham* Royal Ballet.

While gaining a famous ballet company, the council was also building its £160 million International Convention Centre (ICC), incorporating the symphony hall, which will be the home of the CBSO.

The ICC opened this week, and the CBSO's first concert in the hall will be on April 15. The hall has special acoustic equipment, including a reverberation chamber to adjust the volume in the auditorium.

The hall has had to be supported on rubber "shock absorbers" to stop vibration from the main Birmingham to Manchester railway line, which runs below it.

Mr Bird is enthusiastic about the hall and the £3 million Centenary Square outside, a wide mall forming a gateway from the city centre to the convention centre for concert-goers. The square has been laid with 500,000 bricks to create a pattern and will incorporate trees, landscaped gardens and sculptures.

The D'Oyly Carte opera is also setting up home at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre, and *Ronnie Scott, the* jazz musician, wants to open a club in the city similar to his London venue.

Faith restored in the heart

The once-derelict inner city area will be unrecognisable after a revival led by private business

NIGEL ISKANDER

Home berth: the inner city rejuvenation includes residential, environmental, industrial and commercial development

A decaying section of the Birmingham and Fazeley canal running through the city has been revived as the centrepiece for a business village being built on its banks. In another part of east Birmingham, the first occupants have moved into homes built for sale, rent or shared ownership.

These developments are part of the regeneration of more than 2,000 acres of the inner city area by Birmingham Heartlands, the private sector-led urban development agency formed three years ago between five construction companies (Bryant, Douglas, Galliford, Tarmac and Wimpey) in partnership with the city council and with the participation of the chamber of industry and commerce.

The task is to designate land, arrange development packages and attract £1.3 billion, largely from the private sector, to rejuvenate the derelict *area through industrial,* commercial, residential and environmental schemes and a new road. The canal network is being preserved, reopening canal basins and creating new ones. At Waterlinks, a £150 million project by four of the companies in the partnership *creates six office developments*, covering 330 acres along a stretch of the Birmingham and Fazeley canal. The first stage of the one million sq ft business village at Aston Cross has been completed and the first tenants have moved in. It will include a public *house and restaurant.*

Peter Burford, the chief executive of Waterlinks plc, says all canalside developments will face the waterway after an early decision not to ignore the handsome canal architecture.

Heartlands also envisages a *residential* village *in Bordesley*, an area surrounding the St Andrews ground of Birmingham football club. More than 100 houses, priced between £35,000 and £75,000, have been bought, mostly by local people, and other schemes, involving almost 400 more homes, are planned. The homes will be priced within the means of local people.

Sports winner

The indoor arena is likely to become a world venue

THE £50 million National Indoor Arena, due to open in Birmingham in October, is to host next year's world power-lifting championships, the 1993 world gymnastics championships and the 1995 world netball championships.

Birmingham city council has built the arena with the help of a £3 million grant from the Sports Council.

The city hopes that the arena will become the leading indoor venue in Britain and it believes that by attracting thousands of visitors to events, the city's hotels, restaurants and shops will win a handsome financial spin-off, leading to more jobs.

The city council also hopes regular television coverage of world-class events will put Birmingham more in the international spotlight.

The arena is built alongside the International Convention Centre, close to the centre of Birmingham. Events at the arena will not be restricted to indoor sports because it can be adapted to create extra conference facilities or be used for ice skating.

Permanent seating has been provided for 8,000 people, but the capacity can be increased to 13,000 spectators.

Market outgrows its use

Plans to redevelop the Bull Ring have finally started

A THREE-YEAR dispute about plans to redevelop Birmingham's Bull Ring shopping centre was seen by some as symptomatic of the city's difficulty in breaking with the past.

The complex of open markets and shopping precincts within a grey concrete edifice was the creation of Sixties planning, when finesse in architecture was put aside in favour of a bulk facility to cater for the prosperous industrial city.

Birmingham was the centre of the British car industry and became known as Car City. As car ownership increased, the Bull Ring and the dual-lane inner city ring road it straddled were designed to serve the residents of the suburbs, driving into the centre to do their shopping.

The Bull Ring served its purpose, but as the number of out-of-town malls and retail centres in the suburbs increased, the city centre became identified with bargain, rather than quality goods. By the Eighties, the 26-acre site was ripe for redevelopment.

The London and Edinburgh Trust put forward a £500 million redevelopment plan to include 1 million sq ft of department store shopping, 200 shops and stores, indoor markets, an office tower (to replace the landmark Rotunda office block), pedestrian precincts, restaurants and leisure facilities.

Birmingham city council was keen for the right quality redevelopment, but faced opposition from shoppers and market stallholders worried about being priced out. A community group, Birmingham For People, said one monolith was being replaced by another and asked for a more people-friendly design.

London and Edinburgh Trust redrew its plans and in December won approval. Rebuilding will take five years, starting next year.

New hub takes off

A £60m terminal will boost the airport's capacity

A NEW £60 million terminal is to open at Birmingham International Airport this summer, in a year when the airport expects passenger numbers to pass the four million mark.

The terminal will increase the airport's passenger handling capacity to more than six million a year, and its main users will be British Airways, Birmingham European Airways and Brymon Airways.

The airport claims to be the fastest-growing in Britain. An airport official says the "Eurohub" terminal will be the first purpose-built facility of its kind in Europe and a world first in combining international and domestic passenger operations in a single terminal.

Eurohub, the official says, has been designed to cope with the demands of "hub and spoke" operations, involving a network of closely co-ordinated flights routed in and out of an airport acting as a central hub, linking British cities with continental destinations.

Good communications remain an important selling point for Birmingham and the wider West Midlands region. Its location at the centre of a motorway box, created by the M6, M5 and M42, has been further enhanced by the completion of the £300 million M40 motorway from Oxford to Birmingham, giving a direct motorway link with London.

Plans are advancing for schemes to develop new roads and improve others in the region to relieve congestion on the older sections of motorway.

Detailed planning is also going ahead for the proposed Midland Metro, a £1,000 million scheme for a light rail rapid transit system to cover Birmingham, Coventry, Solihull and centres in the Black Country conurbation.

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Graduate jobs are less plentiful than a year ago. **Neil Harris** advises on how to find and make the most of the limited opportunities

The writer's guiding hand: Dr Neil Harris (right) advises students Atossa Shafa and Maryam Rezvan

Graduates face a competitive summer in their search for employment. The long-predicted fall in graduate numbers has not occurred. Far from it; higher education is producing 115,000 graduates, 5 per cent more than last year, 80,000 of whom will be looking for work as soon as they have completed their studies.

The recession, however, is biting deeply into many traditional areas of graduate employment, reducing demand and making the search for jobs longer and more difficult.

Unwelcome letters have been arriving in increasing numbers at university and polytechnic careers offices. Most of the top six firms of accountants have filled their London vacancies, but provincial offices still have oppportunities. Accountants, who as a group announced 8,000 trainee jobs this year, rarely complete their recruitment until after June and, although some firms are still recruiting, positions are rapidly being filled. More jobs are available this year in tax consultancy, but fewer with the Inland Revenue.

Computing and information technology have always been a good source of graduate jobs. Yet IBM announced early in the season that it was withdrawing from graduate recruitment and it has since been joined by Oracle, a software house. Sema, another leading systems house, had few vacancies this year. But the good news is that ICL is recruiting normally and that computer departments of big companies, including Tesco, have been recruiting strongly. Most are happy to hire graduates of any discipline, not just computer scientists.

Competition is strong for jobs in retailing. Marks & Spencer, which had offered several jobs starting in the autumn, recently postponed its offer by a year, offering the people concerned a £500 ex-gratia payment. Some solicitors are also offering prospective articled clerks a pay-off not to join their firms.

The much-publicised redundancies at the high-street banks have affected graduate recruitment. Lloyds reduced its vacancies dramatically and filled most of them by mid March, leaving just a few for those interested in computer programmes.

Seekers of opportunities in merchant banks will experience considerable difficulty.

Reduced recruitment targets have been announced by many large industrial companies. Ford, which last year recruited record numbers, has halved its demand for engineers. Ove Arup, the largest engineering consultancy in Britain, has halved its targets, which is not encouraging for civil engineers. However, companies that gain contracts to rebuild Kuwait City could soon be back on the recruitment scene.

British Aerospace, which recruited 1,000 graduates last year, is seeking fewer this time. Westland, however, started the season with at least as many vacancies as in previous years.

Despite the reduction in opportunities, companies can still expect severe competition for the services of electrical, electronics and chemical engineers.

Applying to the civil service will be more difficult this time, not because its vacancies are dramatically reduced, but because some departments are recruiting independently and others are arranging to recruit through the recruitment agency set up by the Civil Service Commission. One positive note is that the continuous recruitment of executive officers, suspended last autumn, has been resumed. There is also a new scheme to recruit 30 high-quality graduates who would like eventually to work for the European Commission in Brussels.

After years of decline, the numbers attending teacher-training courses went up by 9 per cent last year. Students training to teach science, languages and mathematics receive an additional bursary of £1,500, and those intending to teach physics, where the shortage is acute, £2,000.

Taken together, these developments point to a difficult time for this year's graduates. After several good years for graduate employment, the tide turned last summer. Then, in January, many companies, including Grand Metropolitan, General Accident and Philips Electronics, withdrew from the milk round. However, the

The best move is make high-qualit well-researched applications

round is reported to be recei stronger support in the North the South.

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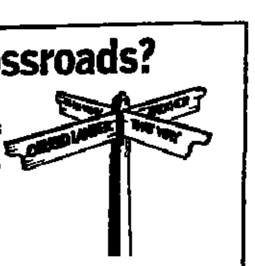

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Senior people know they may have to switch jobs in an uncertain climate. Carole Butler discovers how they prepare for the challenge

A surprising number of executives attending a recent conference at the Institute of Directors, entitled "Changing Jobs in a Recession", were sitting pretty in their organisations. Yet they had the foresight to realise that changes would be due at some point, and that when that time comes, they want to be ready.

The turbulent Eighties and changing organisation structures form an underlying trend that is likely to continue. The recession has accelerated the process, but the restructuring of organisations is here to stay. So is taking responsibility for your own career.

Because nearly 500 applications are made for many of the executive posts advertised, speakers emphasised that applicants need to put themselves in the position of the personnel director or recruitment consultant on the receiving end. Applicants were also told to make the best use of time, their most precious resource.

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Writing the CV, therefore, became an important topic for the day. John Hope, of the career consultancy GHN, gave tips on how to construct a CV and described the function of the covering letter. With such intense competition, the role of networking and developing informal contacts with target organisations was emphasised by Peter Trigg, of the human resources management consultancy Drake Beam Morin.

There was some debate about whether a hidden job market really exists, especially in today's economic climate. Yet, whatever the view, talking through your ideas and experience with friendly contacts, collecting information on the needs of your target organisations, and being aware of changes in the business world are all valuable when it comes to clarifying career goals and target companies.

Networking will certainly make you better known, and letting others know your intentions can never do harm and may just help you to strike lucky if the timing is right. In addition, informal discussions allow you to present yourself without any risks and provide the ideal practice ground for the real thing.

Another key subject of the conference was the interview, including the preparation and techniques. The 25:75 ratio was mentioned. The principle is that you spend 25 per cent of your effort presenting yourself and 75 per cent on the other person, listening for clues, watching body language and picking up hidden messages in the tone of voice.

Afterwards, one delegate said she was surprised that nothing had been said about the interview being as much about the candidate interviewing the employer as the other way round.

Certainly, the speakers' emphasis was on how to select and present aspects of experience and skills relevant to the job and the organisation. Although this is extremely valuable, if such advice is not tempered with the view that the candidate can take some of the initiative, it can encourage interviewees to assume the more common attitude that they must answer to a predetermined description of the "ideal" person for the job, and their behaviour at the interview is geared to this image.

There was no specific mention of how candidates could use the interview to select the most suitable organisation. Instead, the clues were hidden in the advice given on networking.

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Yvonne Sarch, a headhunter at Clive & Stokes, said: "I can tell at the first round who is not going to make it. The people who cannot visualise themselves in the job certainly cannot get others to see them there."

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England find a yardstick

From Mr Michael Daly

Sir, Once again the Republic of Ireland's style of play has been criticised as being responsible for another protracted contest. It seems any old excuse will do when England don't play well. Far from bringing England down to their level, the Irish provided an accurate yardstick by which to measure their opponents' lack of enterprise.

Again, caps have been awarded to players who fail to reproduce their club form for England; players who have seen their best days, and players who are so one-dimensional that one can hardly believe their selection for the national side. Maybe such criticism is unwarranted when considering that less than a year ago the England team gave real hope for the future by their commitment and achievement in Italia '90. In the latter stages of the World Cup they really looked like a team: a team which was able to harness co-operation and individuality, durability, courage and flair. Yet now it looks as if all the good work is going to be lost.

Sitting on the bench at Wembley were the two men overseeing England's performance: Graham Taylor and Laurie McMenemy. Never mind that in their respective club careers they bagged but one trophy of note between them. It is just that neither appeared to have much of an idea by which to counter Irish tenacity and a will to win that seemed infinitely greater than the home side's. It has been noticeable in each of the meetings between these countries in the last year that England's performance has already been undermined before they have stepped out onto the pitch. By allowing Jack Charlton to win the pre-match sparring over team selection, Graham Taylor has instilled doubt and inhibition into his players. Managers without confidence in their players and tactics will ultimately prove a liability to the team. Graham Taylor is just the latest England manager prone to this malady.

One day, the Football Association might appoint someone with an unquenchable belief in what an England team can achieve.

The great thing about Italia '90 was that England made the game look fun again. The players' enjoyment was reflected in their football and in the hearts of many fans. I appreciate that nothing lasts forever, but must the fear and mediocrity have returned so soon?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL DALY,
728 Great West Road,
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A code of eligibility to stem unsporting tides

From Professor A. Cameron

Sir, Many institutions have an accepted, though unwritten, rule that their good name must not be brought into disrepute. Unfortunately, in its determination to beat Cambridge at any cost, the Oxford University Boat Club seems bent on doing this to the Boat Race.

University sporting events are widely seen as contests between *genuine students*, taking genuine three-year degree courses, not 27-year old mercenaries attending the University for one year, having realised that a Blue has considerable value on Wall Street.

In rowing, the crew greatly benefits it if can be built round one man who has outstanding ability, experience or strength. As oarsmen reach their peak at about 27, such a man will be five or more years older than the average student.

Oxford's policy of recruiting these oarsmen has been the main reason for their predictable success over the past 16 years. The importance of an outstanding oar in the boat was demonstrated the one time in these last few years that Cambridge won. This was when the 27-year old John Pritchard stroked Cambridge. He had won an Olympic silver medal but was a genuine undergraduate, reading Law at Robinson.

The answer would seem to be to tighten the rules for eligibility for University teams. It was rowing which started University sporting contests and it seems proper that rowing should now take the lead in bringing back sanity to them. The guidelines are already quite clear. Internationally, competitors are categorised as being students if they are under 23. All student games are run on this basis. Competitors are therefore those reading for their first degree or sometimes in the first years of their Ph.D course. The Boat Race should follow this rule, with the added proviso that those in the boat must be taking a full course of three or more yeas duration.

It would be wonderful if Cambridge were publicly to accept this eligibility condition, even if Oxford do not. Oxford may think beating Cambridge is worth a lot, but not, one imagines, at the price of killing the Boat Race, which they seem well on the way to doing.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR CAMERON,
39 Maids Causeway,
Cambridge.

From Mr H. P. M Hume and Mr J. G. Michels

Sir, If the press coverage given to the 137th Boat Race reflected the real events, sports fans around England, if not the world, would be mourning the death of amateurism and sportsmanship. One regrettable post-race incident elicited a highly exaggerated and distorted portrayal of the contest and its participants by all of the leading newspapers. According to the Press it was *"the day they sank the age of chivalry."* We knew Oxford had a powerful crew but this is absurd.

In no way have the events of Saturday heralded the end of amateur sportsmanship in Britain, any more than the victory was achieved through trickery or deceit. The effort of the nine young men in the Oxford crew was the culmination of six months of intensiv selection and training. Inciden before and after the race we amplified out of all proportio by a press eager to create controversy where, in reality only a deeply personal battl between the oarsmen of Oxfor and Cambridge existed.

While events like the failur of Cambridge to return th traditional three cheers and th rude gesture of Oxford's strok are regrettable, they are hardl surprising. Nor should they b allowed to overshadow th efforts of both the winning an losing crew. The devotion of s much time and energy toward such a singular objective inflames the fighting instinct; th competitive edge, while partic larly fierce this year, only serve as proof of the continuin vitality of the Boat Rac tradition.

As serious students (in Phy ics and Law) who spend o average six hours rowing and least seven hours studying on daily basis we resent the implication of the sports-minde American who has cheaply wo both a place at Oxford and in th Blue boat.

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From Mr Michael Haag

Sir, The Boat Race has onc again provided us with no bett sport than might be offered at bear pit. The excuse that th encounter is a great Britis tradition is no excuse for the al too routinely foul behaviou before, during and after eac race.

What makes the spectacle al the more objectionable is tha the *contestants* are third rate. I is time to open up the race t challengers who possess manners, grace and ability. I am thinking of the Cairo polic force, who each year challeng Oxford and Cambridge, as we as Yale and Harvard, to a boa race. The Cairo police usuall win.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HAAG
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From Mr J. F. K. Hinde

Sir, The aggressive cox commonly cries "I've got four, give me five" as he exhorts his crew to place him alongside a different member of the opposing crew, so says David Mille (April 1) in his piece on boa race animosity. That migh cause even more tension aboard ship, being a command to go backwards.

Yours faithfully,
J. F. K. HINDE,
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Honesty in sport

From Mr L. Robertson

Sir, The dismissal of Dean Jones in the second Test match in Guyana (March 28) reinforces my opinion that in most sports the word sportsmanship, defined as "generous behaviour befitting a good sportsman" is fast disappearing. Jones, who was bowled off a no-ball without hearing the umpire's call, assumed he was out and headed towards the pavilion. The West Indian fielders then had the choice of sportingly recalling the batsman or shamefully running him out and to no-one's surprise chose the latter option. A clear case of the end justifying the means, never mind if it cost them a few friends.

Despite the fact that the umpires, had they been more conversant with the rules, could have re-instated Jones there and then, the actions of the fielders leave a sour taste, especially as they would most likely have *won the game anyway. I do not* mean to imply that the West Indians are different from any other country in this respect as I can recall numerous occasions when other Test countries, Australia included, have behaved similarly.

Honesty, it seems, has no place in modern sport as cheating, whether it goes under the guise of gamesmanship, foul play or whatever, is, if not easily condoned, certainly accepted as part of the game. The governing bodies of the sports concerned must accept full responsibility for this situation simply because, by their inability or unwillingness to take firm action, the state of affairs has progressively deteriorated.

There are exceptions, of course, and if others were to adopt the same code of conduct as those involved in golf and snooker, where players call foul on themselves, then perhaps sport in general might become a more attractive proposition to the spectator.

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hirkpar to step up on sound Triumph Hurdle performance

By MANDARIN
ICHAEL PHILLIPS)

Bolger: sensibly keeping Chirkpar to own age group

WING that sound ance in the *Daily Ex-* riumph Hurdle at ham three weeks ago, r now looks capable g the Irish contingent for celebration at ol today by winning ade two Glenlivet sary Hurdle.

Jim Bolger-trained r-old was entered for her races during this later in the week in e would have had to lented older horses.

y view, Bolger has he right decision to hirkpar racing against f his own age for the ing, even though his ll be far from simple the likes of Reve De Hopscotch, Native , Montpelier Lad and ford.

e coming to Chelten- hirkpar had impressed inning twice in succes- Leopardstown. He was y no match for Oh So t Cheltenham but still d to finish in front of y Romance, Hop- Cornwall Prince and I see no reason why he not do so again.

e who missed the festi- rder to either stay fresh y or to wait for a race sharper track include e Valse who has run up pressive sequence cul- g in that easy victory ictor Ludorum Hurdle at Haydock and Native Mission, who has won on the Flat at Doncaster since being beaten by Montpelier Lad at Market Rasen.

Those who fancy Native Mission will not have been encouraged to hear his trainer Jimmy Fitzgerald saying earlier this week that his stable is currently plagued by a virus. So, Chirkpar looks much the better bet.

A feature of the betting during the recent National Hunt Festival was the sustained gamble on Celtic Shot to win the Gold Cup, which resulted in him starting favourite at 5-2.

He finished only seventh but supporters should retrieve their losses in the Martell Cup if Celtic Shot can recapture the form which enabled him to beat Toby Tobias and Norton's Coin at Cheltenham in January.

Arctic Call, who fared even worse in the Gold Cup, will not have been helped by the recent rain whereas Celtic Shot should be in his element.

Twelve months ago, Jenny Pitman saddled Royal Athlete to win the Mumm Club Novices' Chase. Now she has set punters a problem by running File Concord in addition to Esha Ness.

Over today's trip, I prefer Esha Ness who kept on strongly to be second to Rolling Ball in the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham. He found both the distance and Golden Celtic too sharp at Sandown in his only subsequent race.

The John Hughes Memorial Trophy will afford us an opportunity to judge how the Grand National course is riding. For sheer consistency here, it is hard to get away from Tactico, who has been such a credit to his trainer, Jonjo O'Neill, in that he has only finished out of the first two once in 12 starts this season. My alternative would be Forest Ranger, who ran well up to a point against better horses at Cheltenham.

While O'Neill will also be hoping that Danny Connors — his first winner as a trainer at the festival meeting — can follow up by capturing the White Satin Novices' Hurdle, I prefer the unbeaten Cab On Target, who is the apple of Mary Reveley's eye, even though he is unproven at this level.

onanza Boy the National order

By RICHARD EVANS

NZA Boy was all the rage Grand National yes- as punters examined the forecast as much as the ook to find the winner of intree spectacular on y.

in Pipe's ten-year-old revels in soft ground and l Welsh National winner up in the Ansells Nat- t Uttoxeter last month e going was heavy.

rokes cut his odds from 9-1, Corals from 10-1 to d Hills reported strong t at 9-1.

ificant rain at Aintree on y night prompted John , the clerk of the course, lare the going on the al course as soft yes- morning. After a drying and several hours of e, he amended the going d to soft last night. showers are forecast Saturday.

Thinker, winner of the ham Gold Cup in 1987 ame third in the Aintree test two years ago under lb, is another horse who ave soft ground to show st form and Arthur son's veteran was well ed yesterday.

rokes, having laid 25-1 norning, cut him to 16-1 orals reduced their price -1 to 20-1.

Grant, twice runner-up rham Edition, is un- l whether to desert him ur of The Thinker. "I'll look at the ground tomorrow and discuss it with the guv'nor before deciding," Grant said yesterday.

Rinus, third last year on ground faster than he likes, continued to be well backed and is a general 6-1 favourite.

Oklaoma II, who survived a last-minute entry scare, was the subject of a substantial cross-Channel gamble with Hills. The French chaser, owned and ridden by Roland Kleparski, was laid to lose £70,000, including one bet of £1,000 at 50-1, and is now 40-1.

Nicky Henderson's Master Bob, originally expected to run on Friday, has been confirmed an intended starter in the National where he joins stable companions Wont Be Gone Long and Ten Of Spades.

The final few spare rides for the race are being quickly snapped up. Liam O'Hara will make his debut on Jim Wilson's Joint Sovereignty and Graham McCourt has been booked for Gordon Richards's second string The Langholm Dyer.

Martin Lynch is fighting a fitness battle to ride Auntie Dot after breaking a collar-bone at Towcester on Saturday.

☐ The Queen Mother today makes her first visit to Aintree for 35 years to open the £3 million Queen Mother Stand. Before undertaking her official duty, she will return to the spot where her horse, Devon Loch, collapsed with the 1956 Grand National at his mercy.

Volksraad to miss Guineas

DESERT Sun, favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, impressed in a seven-furlong gallop at Newmarket yesterday but Volksraad, his stable companion, will miss the race (Richard Evans writes).

Partnered by Pat Eddery, Desert Sun was tucked in behind Hokusai (Lester Piggott) and Sedair before quickening up nicely to pull three lengths clear.

"I think Desert Sun is lazy and this will have done him good," Henry Cecil said afterwards. Desert Sun will have three more bits of sharp work before making his seasonal appearance in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket on April 18.

Volksraad, Cecil's intended runner in Newbury's Greenham Stakes and a 25-1 chance for the 2,000 Guineas, has sustained a knee injury which is likely to keep him out of action until the second half of the season.

The Green Desert colt, winner of his only start at Newmarket as a two-year-old, will undergo autoscopic treatment tomorrow and then be turned out for six weeks. Cecil said: "It's very annoying as he was improving all the time."

☐ Eddie Maple makes his British debut at Kempton Park tomorrow when he rides Another Bob in the Laburnum Graduation Stakes. With more than 4,000 winners to his credit in the United States, Maple is now based in Italy as retained rider for Another Bob's owner, Antonio Balzarini.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

amilton Park

1, CASTLE CLOUD (J Carroll, 2, My Abbey (K Fallon, 25-1); 3, Disguise (B Raymond, 14-1). N: 5-2 jt-fav Bassio (5th), 11-2 Tamer (6th), 7 Pretorian Guard resthill, 33 Mannock Glen. 8 ran. l, 3l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: .50, £3.00, £2.10. DF: £26.70. 49.

1, ROCKIN' ROSIE (S Wood, 7- dbye Mr Marks (S Whitworth, 9- Bassie Surtees (Alex Greaves. SO RAN: 4 Araldo Blu, 15-2 Rosy), 10 Pallium, 16 Florini (6th), 20), 66 Mr Mad. 9 ran. Hd, ¾l, 2l, Scargill at Newmarket. Tote: .90, £1.10, £2.10. DF: £8.70. 14.

1, BALLAD DANCER (J Quinn, emiah Harlem (Dean McKeown, 3, Set The Standards (J Carroll. O RAN: 10 Yukosan, Best Effort y Tudor, Glen Maddie (6th), 14 16 Nordic Brave (5th), 20 Chap- 33 Darussalam. 11 ran. 5l, 1½l, sh hd, hd. E Alston at Preston. Tote: £8.40; £2.00, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £27.20. CSF: £22.61. Tricast: £72.05.

3.45 (1m 40yd) 1, STORMY PRAISE (T Sprake, 14-1); 2, Chiee Sky (G Bardwell, 20-1); 3, Beaumont's Keep (Dean McKeown, 14-1); 4, Fiesole (N Kennedy, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Susan's Reef, 15-2 Angel Train, 8 Banton Loch (5th), Grey Merlin, Mr Cheekychops, 10 Mia Fillia, 12 Victory Torch, 14 Melting Tears, Sharp Runner, Venice In Peril, 18 Carlton Moor, 20 Terrier Close (6th), Dovenby, Buster's Pal. 18 ran. 2½l, 6l, 3l, 1½l, ¾l. W G M Turner at Sherborne. Tote: £95.80; £13.80, £4.10, £3.10, £1.90. DF: £125.80. CSF: £273.69. Tricast: £3,822.08. No bid.

4.15 (1m 1f) 1, DIAMOND PATH (D Nicholls, 11-1); 2, Quietly Impressive (N Kennedy, 11-4 fav); 3, Our Aisling (K Darley, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Glenairlie, 8 Top-Anna, 10 Ragtime (6th), 11 Casharil, 16 Jubran (4th), 20 Bridge Player (5th), Crawick Glen, In Concert, 33 Rapid Mover, Sinclair Prince, 50 Belling Belling. 14 ran. 1½l, 5l, 2½l, 5l, 2½l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £15.50; £5.70, £1.60, £1.20. DF: £19.50. CSF: £40.34.

4.45 (1m 3f) 1, ACHELOUS (S D Williams, 8-1); 2, Shikari Kid (O Pears, 5-2 fav); 3, Persuasive (Tracy Smith, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 San Pier Niceto, 9 Tyrnippy, 10 Straight Laced, Souter's Hill (6th), 12 Camden Knight (4th), Edward Lear, 14 Glastondale (5th), Turf Dancer, 16 Avishayes, 20 Chimes of The Dawn. 13 ran. 8l, 8l, nk, 3l, 2½l. J Glover at Worksop. Tote: £11.30; £4.50, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £10.70. CSF: £26.73. Tricast: £197.58.

Placepot: £47.20.

Worcester

Going: good (chase course); good to firm (hurdles)

2.0 (2m hdle) 1, FAR OVER STRUY (J Osborne, 9-4); 2, Ask For More (N Williamson, 25-1); 3, Shawana (R Dunwoody, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Galaxy High (f), 10 Irish Tan (6th), 20 Keep Out Of Debt (5th), Preset (pu), Young Hustler (4th), 25 Green Goddess, 33 Skip Loader, Fond Kiss, River Ash, 50 Canaver, Hangover, Luckactive, Orchipedzo (pu), Anahegee (pu), Rawboll (pu), Sign Performer. NR: Sidate Alley, Amadora, Fellows Dream. 19 ran. 7l, ¾l, 12l, 2½l, 1½l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £11.20, £1.40. DF: £94.70. CSF: £55.54.

2.30 (2m ch) 1, WESTERN COUNTIES (N Mann, 7-1); 2, Knocksemis (C Maude, 9-2); 3, Mr Seagull (P Holley, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Skylark Wonder (5th), 11-2 Roman Dart (f), Akram, 11 Fuego Boy, 14 Shoingo, 25 Fare Love (6th), Hope End, 33 Diamond Digger, Riva's Touch, 50 Knock Hill (4th). 13 ran. NR: Solent Lad. 5l, 15l, 2l, 8l, ¾l. R Holder at Bristol. Tote: £6.70; £2.20, £1.80, £5.00. DF: £20.80. CSF: £36.14. Tricast: £396.66.

3.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1, MIDFIELDER (C Maude, 11-2); 2, Hats High (M Crosse, 20-1); 3, Rocquaine (D Gallagher, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Va Lute (bd), 11-2 Basie Fun, 8 Tilt Tech Flyer (4th), Free Justice (6th), 10 Jeassu (bd), 12 Alig, 14 Sea Trout (5th), 20 Locherre (f), 33 Gilt Bronze (f), Man Of Fun, 150 Olympus Reef, Castleacre. 15 ran. 5l, 10l, 5l, 2l, ¾l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £5.40; £2.50, £12.10, £7.60. DF: £125.90. CSF: £95.84. Tricast: £1650.57.

3.30 (3m ch) 1, HURRY UP HENRY (Miss A Harwood, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Tom Bir (S McNeill, 5-2 jt-fav); 3, Quito Prince (J Railton, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Glenside Jerry (4th), 9 Cash Crisis (6th), 10 Rambling Echo (pu), 12 Pernoic (5th), 33 Western Truce (pu). 8 ran. NR: Dylan's Pride, Celtic Trust. 15l, 20l, 1½l, 12l, 25l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £1.20, £2.40. DF: £4.30. CSF: £8.87. Tricast: £69.06.

4.0 (3m ch) 1, ELVER SEASON (Mr R Alner, 4-7 fav); 2, Last Extravagance (Mr R Farrant, 10-1); 3, Proverbial Luck (Mr J Greenall, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Millbird (pu), New Part (4th), 25 Jolie Gazelle (6th), 33 Border Loch (pu), Spartan Chief (5th), Rose Orchard (pu), 50 Kinsbourne Bay (pu), 100 Cold Moss (pu), Im Privileged (pu), Little Lochette (pu). 13 ran. NR: Kokoda Trail, Padrigal. 20l, 4l, 1½l, 5, dist. B Pike at Wincanton. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £3.50, £1.80. DF: £9.00. CSF: £6.37. Padrigal (8-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in pound.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, PARDON ME SIR (S Hodgson, 5-6 fav); 2, Grey Ram (W McFarland, 50-1); 3, Saltlon Lane (N Williamson, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Simpson (5th), 8 Bas de Laine (4th), 16 Red Sails, 33 Teetotal Tully (pu), 50 Christmas Gorse, Riddlemeroo (pu), Jockey Hall (pu), 100 Artful Arthur (pu), Bayford Energy (6th), Escape Hatch (pu), Zest For Life (pu), Mariners Love, Villa Blanca (pu), Artillery Flight, Storm Jib (pu). 18 ran. NR: Brave Ben, Drag Artist, Daring Class, Westlodge Lass. 8l, 2l, 5l, 1½l, 12l. G Balding at Weyhill. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £5.90, £1.40. DF: £94.60. CSF: £38.97.

5.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, MR TAYLOR (V Smith, 10-1); 2, Catchapenny (R Supple, 9-1); 3, Bowl Of Oats (S McNeill, 11-1); 4, Extra Grand (J Osborne, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Bootscraper (5th), 9-2 Country Damsel, 15-2 Bold Street Blues, 8 Ascot Lad (6th), 11 Woodland Flower, 16 Greenhill Raffles, It's After Time, 20 Ercall Miller, 25 Shipped On Board (pu), 33 Under The Hammer (ur), 50 Amwaj (pu), Romany Spilt, Shiny Kricket (f), 100 Bertryn (pu). 18 ran. NR: Turoldus, The Fax Man, Ben The Bomber. 2l, nk, 1½l, nk, 5l. H Collingridge at Newmarket. Tote: £10.80; £1.70, £2.00, £2.60, £4.20. DF: £38.00. CSF: £94.99. Tricast: £943.78.

Placepot: £115.10.

☐ Eugene Husband was fined £125 by the Hamilton stewards yesterday for failing to ride out Camden Knight for third place in the Strathclyde Park Apprentice Handicap. Camden Knight finished fourth, a neck behind third-placed Persuasive.

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BRIGHTON: 2.45 Rupples, Light On Her Toes. 3.55 Waad.

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Selections

By Mandarin	By Thunderer
2.00 Stately Lover.	2.00 One More Knight.
2.35 Celtic Shot.	2.35 Arctic Call.
3.10 Esha Ness.	3.10 SPARKLING FLAME (nap).
3.45 CHIRKPAR (nap).	3.45 Reve De Valse.
4.20 Tactico.	4.20 J-J-Henry.
4.50 Cab On Target.	4.50 Cab On Target.
5.20 Chatam.	5.20 Cash Is King.

By Michael Seely

2.35 Celtic Shot. 3.45 CHIRKPAR (nap). 4.20 Forest Ranger.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to soft (National course); good to soft (Mildmay course); good, good to firm on home bend (hurdles) SIS

2.0 ODDBINS HANDICAP HURDLE (£8,507: 3m 1f) (17 runners)

101	3F2-324	JUDGES FANCY 23 (G,S) (J de C Scott) C Tristine 7-12-0	R Supple	94
102	2-33410	DO BE BRIEF 23 (G,S) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-13	M Pitman	85
103	3-6046P	CALABRESE 23 (F,G,S) (Mrs A Fagan) N Henderson 6-11-5	J White	97
104	532131	LEADING ROLE 24 (S) (Miss H Bisgrove) M Pipe 7-11-2	P Scudamore	86
105	602611	SHERWOOD GUNNER 17 (F,G,S) (G Holden) O Brennan 9-11-2	M Brennan	91
106	054364	HOLY JOE 22 (S) (T Pilkington) A J Wilson 9-10-4	J Osborne	91
107	1-40534	MERANO 5 (S) (C St George) M W Easterby 8-10-3	G McCourt	98
108	112600	MUSHTAAG 22 (S) (R Hitchcock) F Lennon (Ire) 7-10-2	C O'Dwyer	85
109	10-P1F3	STATELY LOVER 19 (S) (Mrs J Bishop) D Grissell 8-10-0	H Davies	96
110	122200	MAD TOM 21 (S) (Mrs C Marks) Miss S Duffy 6-10-0	NON-RUNNER	—
111	632020	FLYING DANCER 22 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 9-10-0	J O'Gorman (3)	94
112	1-02282	RU VALENTINO 40 (F) (Mrs S Jones) J Edwards 7-10-0	N Williamson	97
113	326410	ONE MORE KNIGHT 22 (F,G,S) (R West) Mrs I McKie 8-10-0	L Harvey	94
114	41803F	OLNISTAR 23 (G,S) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-10-0	R Dunwoody	● 99
115	1F5PP1	THE DEMON BARBER 5 (F,G,S) (R Cupps) G Richards 9-10-0 (4ex)	M Moloney (5)	88
116	00010-6	THEO'S FELLA 27 (G) (Theo Waddington (UK) Ltd) G Balding 7-10-0	S Hodgson (7)	79
117	322221	SILKS DOMINO 6F (S) (Mrs J Goode) O O'Neill 6-10-0	V Slattery (7)	96

Long handicap: Flying Dancer 9-13, Ru Valentino 9-13, One More Knight 9-9, Olnistar 9-6, The Demon Barber 9-8, Theo's Fella 9-4, Silks Domino 9-2.

BETTING: 9-2 Sherwood Gunner, 6-1 Merano, 7-1 Holy Joe, 8-1 One More Knight, 10-1 Leading Role, The Demon Barber, 12-1 Judges Fancy, Do Be Brief, 14-1 Stately Lover, Olnistar, Ru Valentino, 20-1 others.

1990: SIP OF ORANGE 8-10-3 M Dwyer (5-1) Jimmy Fitzgerald 21 ran

FORM FOCUS JUDGES FANCY 10½l 4th to King's Curate in grade I Stayers Hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to soft) with DO BE BRIEF 34l 7th, OLNISTAR fell and CALABRESE pulled up. LEADING ROLE beat Wagon Load 2l at Plumpton (2m 4f, soft). SHERWOOD GUNNER beat Midland Glenn 6l at Newcastle (3m, heavy).

HOLY JOE running-on 5½l 4th to Danny Connors in Coral Golden Hurdle Final at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to soft) with MUSHTAAG (2lb better off) 3l 8th and FLYING DANCER tailed off. STATELY LOVER 8l 3rd to Monetary Fund at Lingfield (2m 4f, soft). MAD TOM has claims if returning to form of 8l 2nd to General Idea at Leopardstown (2m 2f, soft to heavy). RU VALENTINO 2½l 2nd to Thamesdown Tootsie at Doncaster (3m 122yd, good). ONE MORE KNIGHT beat Busteele 20l at Folkestone (2m 6f, good to soft). OLNISTAR 8l 3rd to Young Bavard on penultimate start at Newbury (3m 120yd, good to soft) with CALABRESE 10½l further back in 5th. SILKS DOMINO beat Vomero 3½l at Newton Abbot (2m 5f 110yd, heavy).

Selection: SHERWOOD GUNNER

2.35 MARTELL CUP CHASE (Grade II: £22,960: 3m 1f: Mildmay course) (5 runners) BBC2

201	111410	CELTIC SHOT 21 (D,BF,G,S) (D Horton) C Brooks 9-11-9	P Scudamore	96
202	PP/2131	AQUILIFER 13 (D,G,S) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 11-11-5	—	94
203	2-1112P	ARCTIC CALL 21 (B,F,G,S) (B Stewart-Brown) O Sherwood 8-11-5	J Osborne	92
204	31-F0RF	NORTON'S COIN 21 (F,G,S) (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 10-11-5	G McCourt	● 99
205	F32303	STAY ON TRACKS 19 (F,G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 9-11-5	C Grant	79

BETTING: 11-10 Celtic Shot, 3-1 Arctic Call, 4-1 Aquilifer, 6-1 Norton's Coin, 14-1 Stay On Tracks.

1990: TOBY TOBIAS 8-11-9 M Pitman (Evens fav) Mrs J Pitman 5 ran

FORM FOCUS CELTIC SHOT 22l 7th to Garrison Savannah in the Cheltenham (3m 2f, good) Gold Cup, where NORTON'S COIN fell and ARCTIC CALL pulled up. Earlier ran much better when beating Toby Tobias 4l over 3m 1f at same course (good) with NORTON'S COIN (4lb better off), last year's Gold Cup winner recording his best effort this term, 6l 3rd. AQUILIFER is back to his best this season, beating Envopak Token 8l at Newbury (3m 2f 82yd, good) latest. ARCTIC CALL 3l 2nd to Cool Ground at Wincanton (3m 1f, good). STAY ON TRACKS 13l 3rd to What About Me at Newcastle (3m, good to soft).

Selection: CELTIC SHOT

3.10 MUMM CLUB NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £21,696: 3m 1f: Mildmay course) (13 runners) BBC2

301	111F	SPARKLING FLAME 22 (G) (Chandler Hargreaves Ltd) N Henderson 7-11-9	R Dunwoody	98
302	32-141F	JESTERS PROSPECT 19 (S) (J Goodfellow) G Richards 7-11-8	N Doughty	95
303	211338	KILLBANON 22 (F,G,S) (W Ebury) C Tristine 9-11-8	S Earle	84
304	F44115	BALLINROSTIG 19 (G) (H Thompson) Denys Smith 8-11-3	G McCourt	88
305	3054/1F	COMPLETE OPTIMIST 22 (S) (B Lewis) R Lee 7-11-3	S Smith Eccles	82
306	43-0122	ESHA NESS 9 (G,S) (P Bancroft) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-3	M Pitman	● 99
307	3/11-1P1	FILE CONCORD 18 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-3	M Bowlby	90
308	3-2F116	FORMULA ONE 22 (B,S) (D Davies) J Edwards 9-11-3	N Williamson	94
309	F033F1	GIVUS A BUCK 13 (B,G,S) (K Costello) D Elsworth 8-11-3	P Holley	79
310	P-U331P	HONEYBEER MEAD 19 (D,G) (B M Ryall) B Ryall 9-11-3	D Gallagher	84
311	P-52U21	LATENT TALENT 33 (G,S) (Mrs C Heath) S Sherwood 7-11-3	J Osborne	79
312	0-11F41	LAURIE-O 30 (F,S) (B Parry) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-3	P Niven	91
313	32321	OVER THE DEEL 68 (G) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 5-10-11	Mr K Johnson	77

BETTING: 3-1 Esha Ness, 7-2 Sparkling Flame, 9-2 File Concord, 7-1 Formula One, 10-1 Jesters Prospect, Latent Talent, 12-1 Givus A Buck, 14-1 Over The Deel, 20-1 others.

1990: ROYAL ATHLETE 7-11-9 M Pitman (5-2 fav) Mrs J Pitman 11 ran

FORM FOCUS SPARKLING FLAME smart chaser: beat Ardbrin 15l at Kempton (3m, good) in December. JESTERS PROSPECT beat Norval 30l at Carlisle (2m 4f, soft). BALLINROSTIG beat Quick Reaction 20l at Doncaster (3m 122yd, good).

ESHA NESS found trip too short when 7l 2nd to Golden Celtic at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, good) latest. Earlier 2½l 2nd to Rolling Ball in the grade 1 Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham (3m, good to soft) with FORMULA ONE 14½l 6th, SPARKLING FLAME and GIVUS A BUCK falling. COMPLETE OPTIMIST unseating rider and KILLBANON brought down. FILE CONCORD beat Enchanted Man 8l at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, soft), when JESTERS PROSPECT fell holding a slight lead 2 out. FORMULA ONE beat Roy's Dream 3l at Kelso (3m, soft) with JESTERS PROSPECT 27l 4th. GIVUS A BUCK beat Whatever You Like 1½l at Newbury (2m 4f, good).

LATENT TALENT beat Mighty Falcon 5l at Newbury (3m, good) with GIVUS A BUCK (same terms) 2½l 3rd. LAURIE-O beat Choctaw 5l at Sedgefield (2m 4f, good to soft). OVER THE DEEL beat Bantel Buccaneer 5l at Ayr (3m 110yd, good) with KILLBANON (7lb better off) 2½l 3rd.

Selection: FORMULA ONE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs J Pitman	10	55	18.2
Jimmy Fitzgerald	5	29	17.2
D Elsworth	3	21	14.3
G Balding	4	29	13.8
N Henderson	6	45	13.3
O Sherwood	4	32	12.5

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Wyer	4	14	28.6
M Bowlby	5	18	27.8
M Pitman	4	24	16.7
R Dunwoody	7	55	12.7
S Smith Eccles	4	33	12.1
M Dwyer	4	37	10.8

BRIGHTON

Selections

By Mandarin	By Thunderer
2.15 Driving Force.	2.15 Belafonte.
2.45 Pleasure Ahead.	2.45 Juvenara.
3.20 Sixofus.	3.20 Sixofus.
3.55 Waad.	3.55 Dream Carrier.
4.30 Positive Acclaim.	4.30 Scossa.
5.00 River Island.	5.00 River Island.
5.30 Al Shany.	5.30 Checkpoint Charlie.

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3.20 SIXOFUS (nap). 3.55 Domicksky. 5.00 Dance Partout.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 SCOSSA.

Going: good to firm Draw: 6f, low numbers best SIS

2.15 PYECOMBE APPRENTICE STAKES (£2,651: 1m 2f) (16 runners)

1	(5)	314/200-	DRIVING FORCE 19J (S) (N Gill) M McCourt 5-8-12	N Gwilliams	—
2	(3)	320-000	GIN AND ORANGE 13 (S) (P Walker) J Jenkins 5-8-12	T Wilson (5)	75
3	(2)	80501/0-	QUIET ACHIEVER 37J (F) (M Culling) A Moore 6-8-12	R Moogan (5)	—
4	(9)	350/25-5	RIBOKEYES BOY 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Fortescue) A Davison 9-8-12	G O'Neill (5)	75
5	(13)	200-036	KACHINA MAID 12 (C,F) (Gamrobek Racing) Mrs A Knight 6-8-7	J Fordham (5)	67
6	(1)	314/65/	MERRY MARIGOLD 30J (S) (Mrs I Penfold) J Roberts 5-8-7	Jaid Houston	—
7	(14)	334050-	BELAFONTE 21J (B Tregurtha) R Holder 4-8-5	S Drowne (5)	88
8	(7)	000-0	COMMANDING OFFICER 7 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-5	A Morris	—
9	(8)	0/0	ENDOLI 12 (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-8-5	B Doyle	—
10	(4)	060/0/0	ONLY FAIR 10 (A Goodman) J Moore 5-8-5	R Perham	—
11	(10)	00	PRIMATICE 23 (B) (R Davis) D Jermy 4-8-5	F Norton	—
12	(12)	50535-	AGAINST YOU 20J (G Morby) R Akehurst 4-8-0	L Carter (5)	—
13	(11)	02-443	CHURCH MISSIONARY 28 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-0	D Harrison	● 99
14	(16)	0040-60	LACE PARASOL 10 (Mrs O Barnard-Firth) C Holmes 5-8-0	F Arrowsmith	—
15	(15)	5-	MY KIA 344 (Mrs G Smyth) R Hoad 4-8-0	C Every	—
16	(6)	52-	WESAYEM 245 (Mrs D Arnott) R Stubbs 4-8-0	P Bowe (5)	86

BETTING: 11-8 Church Missionary, 4-1 Belafonte, 5-1 Against You, 6-1 Driving Force, 10-1 Endoli, 12-1 Wesayem, 14-1 Gin And Orange, 16-1 others.

1990: SULTAN'S SON 4-8-0 A Simpson (10-11 fav) P Cole 8 ran

2.45 HURSTPIERPOINT SELLING HANDICAP (£2,738: 7f) (18 runners)

1	(17)	00322-0	JUVENARA 10 (C,F) (R Hodges) R Hodges 5-10-0	A Tucker (5)	85
2	(4)	534/06	KORYPHEOS 26 (CD,F,S) (C Papaioannou) S Dow 12-10-0	A Martinez (7)	80
3	(13)	150-400	MODEL NURSE 82 (G Freyne) C Nelson 4-9-9	J Reid	88
4	(12)	23-3035	SCOTS LAW 23 (D,F) (B Bolton) R O'Sullivan 4-9-9	D Biggs (5)	● 99
5	(2)	06-8552	PLEASURE AHEAD 27 (M Channon) M Channon 4-9-8	J Quinn	98
6	(10)	566304	COUNT ME OUT 10 (B,D,F) (Mrs K Sneath) R Hoad 6-9-6	G Carter	93
7	(1)	00-5000	LUCKY CRYSTAL 7 (D,F) (Mrs E Kiernan) A Moore 5-9-5	Candy Morris	86
8	(3)	1/20/0-6	HOME RULE 13 (S) (A Goodman) J Moore 8-9-5	B Rouse	89
9	(16)	010055-	SMALL DOUBLE 112 (G) (Rokdvale Ltd) N Callaghan 3-9-2	Pat Eddery	77
10	(6)	0500-35	SUPADUPA 34 (Print and Design Limited Ltd)) J White 4-9-2	W Newnes	89
11	(8)	5000-40	RAJPUT RAJAH 34 (J Canney) E Wheeler 4-8-13	M Roberts	91
12	(11)	00/0004-	RUPPLES 7J (B) (Mrs M Ryan) M Ryan 4-8-13	R Cochrane	92
13	(7)	00006-0	SANDY STORM 76 (B) (Mrs R Jacobson) C Williams 4-8-11	M Wigham	90
14	(15)	000/00-0	LIGHT ON HER TOES 10 (B) (Mrs S Elphick) M Bolton 4-8-9	W Ryan	—
15	(5)	350530-	ROYAL RESORT 133 (D Morris) R Hodges 4-8-8	W Carson	94
16	(9)	020-0	MISTER SAYERS 40 (B Kennedy) P Mitchell 3-8-7	S O'Gorman (5)	85
17	(14)	0000-60	TENDER TRAIL 30 (Z Ahmed) C Benstead 4-8-6	T Quinn	94
18	(18)	40000-4	BERLING ASHES 93 (Mrs S Garrad) J Jenkins 3-8-5	J Williams	80

BETTING: 4-1 Royal Resort, 9-2 Pleasure Ahead, 11-2 Supadupa, 6-1 Small Double, 8-1 Scots Law, 10-1 Juvenara, 12-1 Model Nurse, 16-1 others.

1990: SOCKEM 3-8-12 G Baxter 7-1 (C Williams) 14 ran

3.20 SEVEN DIALS AUCTION GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,412: 6f) (8 runners)

1	(2)	154300-	FALCON'S DOMAIN 189 (F) (R Carstairs) J Eustace 9-7	M Tebbutt	● 99
2	(6)	0-1	OLIFANTSFONTEIN 7 (CD,F) (T Painting) R Simpson 9-7	A Tucker (5)	90
3	(3)	24516-2	SIXOFUS 10 (D,BF,F) (S Poole) R Boss 9-7	Pat Eddery	97
4	(8)	33-2124	BALLASECRET 14 (R Adams) R Dickin 9-2	S Dawson	98
5	(4)	210-0	PRETTY POPPY 10 (F) (R Lamb) R Hannon 9-2	B Rouse	92
6	(5)	55-0405	NOTANOTHERONE 7 (V) (J Gowing) J Long 9-0	N Adams	82
7	(7)	2-	PRINCE OF THE SEA 143 (S Crown) D Arbuthnot 9-0	T Quinn	91
8	(1)	34-4	ORBA GOLD 10 (T Walshe) P Kelleway 8-9	W Carson	90

BETTING: 2-1 Sixofus, 3-1 Olifantsfontein, 9-2 Falcon's Domain, 11-2 Ballasecret, 7-1 Prince Of The Sea, 12-1 Orba Gold, 16-1 Pretty Poppy, 33-1 Notanotherone.

1990: ALL FIRED UP 9-2 J Reid (1-2 fav) R Williams 6 ran

3.45 GLENLIVET ANNIVERSARY HURDLE (Grade II: 4-Y-O: £21,697: 2m) (14 runners) BBC2

401	1F46	ALBERTITO 5 (D,G) (T Connop) R Hollinshead 11-0	Gary Lyons	74
402	36426	BEAU NOU 12 (V) (J Whelan) P Hedger 11-0	B Powell	57
403	112	CHIRKPAR 21 (D,S) (Dr M Smurfit) J Bolger (Ire) 11-0	L Cusack	97
404	114130	CORNWALL PRINCE 21 (B,D,F,S) (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 11-0	D Murphy	88
405	1130	GALWAY STAR 5F (D,G,S) (P Keary) P Mullins (Ire) 11-0	A Mullins	83
406	122421	MARLINGFORD 12F (D,G,S) (J Law) Mrs J Jordan 11-0	D Morris	84
407	11113	MONTPELIER LAD 16 (D,BF,F,G,S) (D Little) G Richards 11-0	N Doughty	88
408	1122	NATIVE MISSION 12F (D,BF,G) (A Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-0	M Dwyer	86
409	10	PASHTO 21 (D,S) (R Tooth) N Henderson 11-0	R Dunwoody	83
410	211111	REVE DE VALSE 33 (D,G,S) (K Higson) Denys Smith 11-0	C Grant	90
411	112244	RUNWAY ROMANCE 21 (D,F) (J Kendall) P Hobbs 11-0	G McCourt	88
412	121114	SILKEN FAN 40 (D,F,G) (Heath-End Racing Syndicate) P Hedger 11-0	M Richards	81
413	212432	WAKE UP 5 (D,S) (Mrs J Ward) R O'Leary 11-0	L Wyer	73
414	111310	HOPSCOTCH 21 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Pipe Scudamore Racing Plc) M Pipe 10-13	P Scudamore	● 99

BETTING: 2-1 Chirkpar, 7-2 Reve De Valse, 9-2 Hopscotch, 7-1 Montpelier Lad, 8-1 Native Mission, 9-1 Pashto, 12-1 Runway Romance, 16-1 Cornwall Prince, 20-1 Marlingford, 25-1 others.

1990: SYBILLIN 4-11-0 D Byrne (25-1) Jimmy Fitzgerald 18 ran

FORM FOCUS CHIRKPAR 12l 2nd to Oh So Risky in grade I Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, good), RUNWAY ROMANCE 6½l 4th, HOPSCOTCH (4lb worse off) 11½l 8th, CORNWALL PRINCE 5l 10th and PASHTO 3l 12th; previously won listed race at Leopardstown (2m, soft to heavy) by 6l from Larnaca, GALWAY STAR 7th.

MARLINGFORD all out to beat Bottles ½l in grade II Tote Placepot Hurdle at Kempton (2m, good). CORNWALL PRINCE (4lb better off) 1½l 3rd and SILKEN FAN (4lb better off) 4l 4th. MONTPELIER LAD beat NATIVE MISSION 8l on penultimate start at Market Rasen (2m 1f, good to soft).

REVE DE VALSE completed five-timer with 6l defeat of All Welcome at Haydock (2m, soft), ALBERTITO beaten when falling 3 out; easily beat WAKE UP (3lb worse off) 7l at Newcastle (2m, good to soft) in January. HOPSCOTCH beat Muse 10l on penultimate start at Cheltenham (2m, good). MARLINGFORD (3lb worse off) 9½l 4th.

Selection: CHIRKPAR

4.20 JOHN HUGHES MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£15,791: 2m 6f: National course) (12 runners) BBC2

501	224505	THAR-AN-BHARR 13 (F,G,S) (J Upson) J Upson 9-11-10	R Supple	92
502	11400U	SKIPPING TIM 12 (F,G,S) (Miss H Bisgrove) M Pipe 12-11-7	—	94
503	211242	TACTICO 12 (B,F,G,S) (I Dalgleish) J J O'Neill 9-11-8	M Dwyer	91
504	213446	BAD TRADE 34 (G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 9-10-10	C Grant	88
505	6P-6805	THE NIGELSTAN 18 (G,S) (S Powell) P Hedger 10-10-10	B Powell	86
506	2022-34	J-J-HENRY 89 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Knowles) P Beaumont 12-10-10	Mrs A Farrell	● 99
507	R313P2	HEADIN' ON 36 (F,G) (Mrs P Joynes) K Bridgwater 11-10-9	L Harvey	87
508	212113	RIVER HOUSE 33 (F,G) (P Cheesbrough) W A Stephenson 9-10-6	Mr K Johnson	94
509	33-2614	FOREST RANGER 21 (F,S) (K Al-Said) J Edwards 9-10-6	N Williamson	92
510	1-62534	TOM CAXTON 23 (G,S) (M O'Connor) J King 10-10-5	C Llewellyn	98
511	P22312	THE ANTARTEX 24 (BF,G,S) (The Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G Richards 8-10-2	N Doughty	91
512	59454-0	WIGGBURN 37 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Hewitt) Mrs A Hewitt 12-10-0	S J O'Neill	87

Long handicap: Wiggburn 8-12.

BETTING: 9-2 Forest Ranger, 5-1 Tactico, 11-2 Tom Caxton, 6-1 The Antartex, River House, 8-1 Skipping Tim, Headin' On, 11-1 Bad Trade, 14-1 Thar-An-Bharr, 16-1 The Nigelstan, J-J Henry, 50-1 Wiggburn.

1990: WONT BE GONE LONG 8-10-2 R Dunwoody (25-1) N Henderson 30 ran

FORM FOCUS TACTICO 1l 2nd to Field Conqueror at Bangor (2m 4f, soft). SKIPPING TIM unseated rider 2nd. J-J-HENRY 5l 3rd to Travel Over at Catterick (3m 1f 80yd, good). HEADIN' ON 8l 2nd to Lauderdale Lad at Ludlow (3m, good to firm).

RIVER HOUSE 9l 3rd to Inspector Ben at Market Rasen (2m 6f, good to soft); beat Good Tonic at Doncaster (2m 4f, good). J-J-HENRY (11lb better off) 11½l 4th. FOREST RANGER 31l 4th to Seagram at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good); beat La Grand Maitre 1½l at Windsor (3m 4f, good to soft).

TOM CAXTON 12½l 4th to Aldino at Cheltenham (2m, good to soft). THAR-AN-BHARR (15lb worse off) 4½l 7th; 2l 3rd to Travel Girl at Windsor (2m 5f, good to firm). THE ANTARTEX 7l 2nd to Magwood at Ayr (2m 4f, soft). BAD TRADE (2lb better off) 6th

Selection: TOM CAXTON (nap)

4.50 WHITE SATIN NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: £8.240: 3m 1f) (16 runners)

601	1-1111	CAB ON TARGET 68 (G,S) (Target Taxis Ltd) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-10	P Niven	92
602	333041	DANNY CONNORS 22 (D,G,S) (J McManus) J J O'Neill 7-11-10	M Dwyer	● 99
603	243121	SMITH'S CRACKER 33 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-10	M Pitman	95
604	132146	BANKER'S GOSSIP 22 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Sutton) D Nicholson 7-11-7	R Dunwoody	88
605	113110	NEW DUDS 23 (F,S) (R Brichert) M Pipe 7-11-7	P Scudamore	95
606	541	ANNIO CHILONE 19 (S) (Mrs J Gifford) J Gifford 5-11-4	D Murphy	84
607	420-P12	BARON TWO SHOES 28 (S) (Mrs T Cockram) P Blockley 5-11-4	C Kellett	77
608	331210	CELTIC PRINCE 33 (S) (Mrs G Maxwell-Jones) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4	C Llewellyn	79
609	1302	DERRING VALLEY 27 (S) (A King) A Jones 6-11-4	B Powell	82
610	2F1	EVERALDO 13 (G) (M Arbib) N Henderson 7-11-4	J White	87
611	2	GLENBROOK D'OR 13 (T Leadbeater) A J Wilson 7-11-4	L Harvey	82
612	33	JAMAICA GEORGE 19 (R Charella) T Thomson Jones 6-11-4	P Barnard	73
613	2-02106	MONTAGNARD 27 (S) (N Gill) M Bradstock 7-11-4	G Bradley	80
614	02/5-R0R	QUAYSIDE BUOY 13 (B) (J Needham) J Needham 8-11-4	W McFarland	59
615	134040	ROCKTOR 22 (F,S) (Mrs G Watkinson-Yull) D Barons 6-11-4	N Hawke	88
616	555441	STEPPING LIGHTLY 5 (S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 4-10-10	C Grant	73

BETTING: 3-1 Smith's Cracker, 7-2 Cab On Target, 5-1 Danny Connors, 7-1 New Duds, 10-1 Bankers Gossip, 12-1 Everaldo, 14-1 Rocktor, 16-1 Montagnard, Celtic Prince, Annio Chilone, 20-1 others.

1990: DWADME 5-11-4 J Osborne (5-1) O Sherwood 10 ran

FORM FOCUS CAB ON TARGET completed treble over timber with impressive 8l defeat of Icarus at Doncaster (2m 4f, good). DANNY CONNORS beat Kings Rank 4l in Coral Golden Hurdle Final at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to soft), BANKER'S GOSSIP (4lb worse off) 25l 10th.

SMITH'S CRACKER beat Burgoyne 15l in Philip Cornes Saddle of Gold Final at Newbury (3m 120yd, good to soft). BANKER'S GOSSIP (8lb better off) 10l 4th and CELTIC PRINCE tailed off 7th.

NEW DUDS tailed off 18th to Destriero at Cheltenham (2m, good to soft); previously beat Your Well 8l at Haydock (2m 4f, soft), ANNIO CHILONE (5lb worse off) 16l 4th. EVERALDO beat GLENBROOK D'OR (same terms) 3l at Newbury (2m 4f 120yd, good).

Selection: DANNY CONNORS

5.20 TOTE 7TH RACE HANDICAP CHASE (£8,453: 2m 4f: Mildmay course) (11 runners)

1	F13-11U	CHATAM 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Dr B Nolan) M Pipe 7-11-10	P Scudamore	90
2	025564	CLEVER FOLLY 13 (D,BF,F,S) (N Mason (Farms) Ltd) G Richards 11-11-0	N Doughty	● 99
3	114P13	ANOTHER CORAL 23 (D,F,G,S) (M Dealey) D Nicholson 8-10-11	R Dunwoody	92
4	52-2F10	TRESIDDER 23 (D,G,S) (S Brewer) M W Easterby 9-10-9	P Niven	91
5	0F2401	CAPTAIN MOR 26 (D,F,G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 9-10-8	Mr K Johnson	96
6	3-132UF	GUIBURN'S NEPHEW 96 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Steed) P Hobbs 9-10-4	C Maude (3)	90
7	116-3F0	CASH IS KING 23 (B,D,F,G,S) (M Myers) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-0	—	82
8	3/P-P444	FRED THE TREAD 5 (B,F) (G Greenwood) T Casey 9-10-0	E McKinley	69
9	5F0544	GEE-A 17 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 12-10-0	D Murphy	77
10	436-F22	KIRSTY'S BOY 24 (BF,G,S) (Mrs K McClelland) J S Wilson 8-10-0	L O'Hara	71
11	FU1PP2	VALENTINOS JOY 27 (F,G,S) (B Hutchinson) G Oldroyd 12-10-0	Ger Lyons	65

Long handicap: Cash Is King 9-13, Fred The Tread 9-1, Gee-A 8-8, Kirsty's Boy 8-0, Valentinos Joy 8-0

BETTING: 9-4 Chatam, 7-2 Another Coral, 5-1 Captain Mor, 7-1 Tresidder, 10-1 Clever Folly, 12-1 Guiburn's Nephew, 14-1 Cash Is King, 20-1 others.

1990: SURE METAL 7-10-0 B Storey (100-1) D McCain 13 ran

FORM FOCUS CHATAM led 8th until unseating rider 6 out in race won by Buckshee Boy at Newbury (3m, good); beat Aston Express 12l in Cathcart Challenge Cup at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good).

ANOTHER CORAL 7½l 3rd to Aldino at Cheltenham (2m, good to soft). TRESIDDER (same terms) 10½l 8th; previously beat Combermere 2l at Kempton (2m 4f, good). CAPTAIN MOR was all out to beat Vulrory's Clown 6l at Doncaster (2m 4f, good).

CASH IS KING 60l 10th of 15 to King's Curate in stayers' hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to soft); had every chance when falling 3 out on previous start at Folkestone (2m 4f, soft) in race won by Clara Mountain.

Selection: ANOTHER CORAL

Edwards makes successful raid

DAKYNS Boy, trained by John Edwards at Ross-on-Wye, outclassed the home contingent to win the Ir£6,000 Tattersalls Ballyhack Champion Flat Race by ten lengths at Fairyhouse yesterday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Edwards had wanted to run Dakyns Boy at Aintree but, because of the three-race restriction on English bumper horses, he rerouted the six-year-old to his native Ireland and landed a gamble at 5-2. The victory continued a memorable week for Irish amateur Adrian Maguire who won Monday's Jameson Irish Grand National on Omerta.

General Idea, fifth to Destriero at Cheltenham, landed the Ir£15,000 Tattersalls Novices' Hurdle at the generous price of 5-4 on.

At Liverpool today, the pick of the Irish runners is undoubtedly Triumph Hurdle runner-up Chirkpar in the Glenlivet Anniversary Hurdle.

3.55 BRIGHTON FESTIVAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,898: 7f) (9 runners)

1	(3)	442-	TOP SHEREEK 177 (A Al-Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-7	S Cauthen	82
2	(5)	51-	DOMICKSKY 212 (CD,F) (Mrs M Ryan) M Ryan 9-0	G Carter	85
3	(1)	5-53221	OAK PARK 33 (D) (C Garrad) R Stubbs 8-12	A Munro	● 99
4	(7)	00420-3	TANFIRION BAY 7 (G Mildren) P Mitchell 8-8	W Ryan	96
5	(6)	11005-4	WAAD 5 (B,F) (M Al-Maktoum) N Callaghan 8-7	Pat Eddery	98
6	(2)	530042-	SOMETHING QUICK 186 (Mrs B Burchett) R Hannon 8-6	R Perham (5)	97
7	(4)	04400-2	DREAM CARRIER 12 (Mrs J Regler) R Hannon 8-5	B Rouse	92
8	(9)	316200-	SCENTED GODDESS 120 (D,F) (A Goodman) J Moore 8-0	D Gibbs (7)	93
9	(8)	060-	BARUD 143 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 7-11	W Carson	—

BETTING: 7-2 Dream Carrier, 4-1 Waad, 5-1 Tanfirion Bay, 11-2 Oak Park, 6-1 Top Shereek, 7-1 Something Quick, 8-1 Domicksky, 10-1 Barud, 16-1 Scented Goddess.

1990: SATIS DANCER 9-7 W Carson (15-8 fav) M Ryan 9 ran

4.30 SOUTHWICK MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,174: 7f) (10 runners)

1	(2)	445003-	KREISCHIM 135 (D Willis) M Madgwick 9-0	J Williams	84
2	(6)	003-	LAMARSH 157 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	S Cauthen	77
3	(10)	00-	MAZWOOD 217 (M McCourt) M McCourt 9-0	J Reid	—
4	(5)	42480-2	PRINCE ROONEY 10 (A Holdsworth) P Butler 9-0	Pat Eddery	81
5	(1)		SCOTTIES WIT (Scott & Whitlam Ltd) J Moore 9-0	T Williams	—
6	(3)	065-	TREMBALINO 181 (Mrs A Hill) R Smyth 9-0	A Martinez (7)	75
7	(4)	000-	MISTRAL GIRL 112 (J Lazzari) R Hannon 8-9	B Rouse	—
8	(7)	03-	POSITIVE ACCLAIM 167 (J Marsden) R Hannon 8-9	W Carson	78
9	(8)	444000-	PRINCESS KATIE 140 (M Jones) A Moore 8-9	Candy Morris	85
10	(9)	060-	SCOSSA 205 (A Gibson) J Toller 8-9	Dale Gibson	● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Positive Acclaim, 5-2 Scossa, 3-1 Lamarsh, 4-1 Prince Rooney, 12-1 Mistral Girl, 14-1 Trembalino, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.0 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,586: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1	(4)		BEY D'AO (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0	A Clark	—
2	(7)	260262-	DANCE PARTOUT 184 (W Said) N Callaghan 9-0	Pat Eddery	94
3	(6)	0-	EAGLE BID 205 (R Sayer) S Dow 9-0	W Ryan	—
4	(5)	00-0	EIGHTEENTHIRTYFOUR 7 (Ballard (1834) Limited) A Moore 9-0	J Williams	—
5	(13)	00-	FLOWER DANCER 163 (K Theocharous) Miss A Whitfield 9-0	G Baxter	73
6	(8)		HIEROGLYPHIC (R Sangster) J Gosden 9-0	W R Swinburn	—
7	(11)	0-0	ICANSEEFORMILES 7 (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	71
8	(14)	000-6	LORD RANDOLPH 19 (J Nicholson) J Long 9-0	N Adams	—
9	(2)		OLD GLORY (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 9-0	S Cauthen	—
10	(12)		RIVER ISLAND (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
11	(9)	556-2	ROMANIAN 7 (R Butler) A Davison 9-0	R Curant	96
12	(3)	055-2	TREBLY 14 (L Gaucci) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	95
13	(10)	200-	JOLI'S GREAT 177 (Mrs M Ryan) M Ryan 8-9	G Carter	● 99
14	(1)	0-	NAUGHTY NORA 110 (K Higson) A Moore 8-9	Candy Morris	—

BETTING: 5-2 Old Glory, 3-1 Dance Partout, 4-1 Trebly, 6-1 Hieroglyphic, 7-1 Joli's Great, 10-1 River Island, 16-1 Romanian, 20-1 Icanseeformiles, 33-1 others.

1990: ABEL PROSPECT 9-0 R Cochrane (4-5 fav) G Harwood 10 ran

5.30 OVINGDEAN HANDICAP (£2,608: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

1	(10)	460540-	HARDIHEROINE 51J (C,F) (Mrs A Yearley) M Pipe 4-10-0	D Holland (5)	84
2	(6)	351125	SCOTONI 12 (D,F) (R O'Sullivan) R O'Sullivan 5-10-0	D Biggs (5)	93
3	(1)	012154-	MONARDA 220 (D,F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 4-10-0	A Simpson (7)	84
4	(8)	661230-	CHECKPOINT CHARLIE 40J (CD,F,S) (Mrs T Eustace) J Eustace 6-9-11	M Tebbutt	92
5	(12)	400-000	TENDER BID 16 (F) (J Gowing) J Long 5-9-11	N Adams	85
6	(5)	332124-	VICEROY JESTER 23J (D,F,S) (F Broom) R Holder 6-9-9	J Williams	87
7	(4)	2432-32	AL SHANY 7 (S) (T Mills Limited) W Carter 5-9-1	T Williams	93
8	(13)	22541-4	THIN RED LINE 7 (V,C,F,G) (American Technical Ltd) J Jenkins 7-9-1	Pat Eddery	85
9	(3)	00620-0	ROBBIE BURNS 5J (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 5-8-13	S Whitworth	86
10	(7)	050600-	ARMED FORCE 157 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-13	A Clark	● 99
11	(14)	60400-0	MAY BE BOLD 19 (P Warburton) K Morgan 4-8-10	Jaid Houston (7)	97
12	(11)	3186-33	NIPOTINA 19 (F) (G Farndon) R Hollinshead 5-8-5	W Carson	90
13	(5)	222630	CUT A CAPER 12 (F) (R Brown) R O'Sullivan 9-8-3	A Munro	96
14	(2)	4/0/600-	PRESENT TIMES 14J (Mrs S Green) A Moore 5-7-10	Candy Morris	—

BETTING: 7-2 Al Shany, 9-2 Nipotina, 11-2 Thin Red Line, 6-1 Viceroy Jester, 8-1 Hardiheroine, Checkpoint Charlie, 10-1 Monarda, 12-1 Scotoni, 14-1 Armed Force, 16-1 others.

1990: DADDY'S DARLING 5-7-12 G Carter 8-1 (J Gifford) 7 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Gosden	4	11	36.4
R Boss	6	24	25.0
M Ryan	9	53	17.0
E Wheeler	5	30	16.7
C Nelson	10	63	15.9
R Akehurst	15	113	13.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	36	164	22.0
S Cauthen	18	97	18.6
W Carson	35	210	16.7
R Cochrane	19	121	15.7
J Reid	34	221	15.4
G Carter	8	58	13.8

RUGBY UNION

No sour grapes from Barnes as Pears is picked

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND will defend their grand slam reputation in Australia and Fiji in July with a party in which the watchword is experience. Only two uncapped players are among the 28 announced yesterday, to which two more locks will be added before the end of the month. This indicates one of the two main areas, second row and stand-off half, where strength in depth is sadly absent.

Thus places have been found for Gary Pearce and Gary Rees ahead of Andy Robinson and Neil Back in the front and back rows respectively. They join the young backs of potential, Ian *Hunter, Damian* Hopley and David Pears, who is preferred to Stuart Barnes as deputy to Rob Andrew at stand-off.

In that vexed position the selectors have been utterly consistent, though, if they had been *totally* pragmatic, they must have gone for Barnes. They have had to balance the Bath captain's experience and sudden availability against the three-year investment they had made in Pears and also the positive response from the Harlequins player at a time when Barnes declined to make himself available for international duties.

There is no doubt that Barnes, whose chequered international career began in 1984, is the better, more consistent player. Equally, I imagine that some members of this tour party would have looked instinctively to him as an alternative, should injury have overtaken Andrew; however, Barnes has twice, in 1987 and 1989, withdrawn from international contention and only put his name forward for consideration as recently as a *fortnight ago. To that extent* he has made his bed and is now *having to lie on it.*

Barnes accepted his rejection with dignity. "I wanted to get on that tour party," he said. "I don't see how, if you're not on that, there's any real chance of making the World Cup squad, because there's really no opportunity to do anything after the tour. But no one will be able to accuse me of sulking. I will not be withdrawing my offer of availability just because I haven't made the Australia trip."

Since the prime objective of this tour party is the World Cup in October, I would have put long-term considerations aside and taken Barnes, though it would not have been the easiest task in the world to explain the decision to Pears.

There have been signs of late that Pears, capped twice on the ill-starred tour of Argentina last summer, is developing — witness his mature league game for a weakened Harlequins against Leicester last month — although Martin Strett (Orrell) was preferred in the B *international against Italy last* week.

Finding that none of the younger men, such as Andy Mullins, have improved sufficiently to deputise for Jeff Probyn, the selectors have opted for England's most capped prop, Gary Pearce, at tight-head and have discovered a way of including John Hall, a third blind-side flanker, in the party.

Ostensibly, he may be regarded as back-up for Dean Richards at No. 8, but the presence of Mike Teague, a club No. 8 for most of his career, permits flexibility in that area; it means, though, no *place for David Egerton,* whose season has been ruined *by injury, nor for* Dean Ryan, capped in Argentina at No. 8.

The reserve locks must surely include Nigel Redman (Bath), on the strength both of his tour in Argentina and his consistent enthusiasm in some indifferent *B* teams this season. The ot' er place rests, presumably, between Sean O'Leary (Wasps) and Simon Dear (Rosslyn Park), though the Orrell pair of David Cusani, who played particularly well against O'Leary in the cup match at Wasps in February, and Bob Kimmins can scarcely be disregarded.

There is a recall for Chris Oti on the wing after only three first-team matches for Wasps this season, which is a gamble on fitness grounds. Oti returned home midway through the 1989 British Isles tour of Australia with ligament problems and, just over a year later, tore an Achilles tendon. "I'm totally shocked," he said yesterday. "I must aim to play as much as possible for the rest of this season."

The fourth wing place has gone to Hunter, Northampton's full back, ahead of Andrew Harriman and Tony Underwood. He will enjoy himself in the hard, physical conditions prevailing in Australia. So will Hopley, the Wasps centre whose dramatic impact at the start of the season, which earned him an immediate B cap and a place as a replacement in the senior side against Wales in January, has been sufficient to carry him through to the finish. A wrist injury has kept him out of action since the end of February and Francis Clough, his club colleague, has been staking claims to the position.

All in all, it is a party of considerable physical presence, *half of whom already* know what to expect in Australia and Fiji, where they will play an international in each country. Thirteen of them were members of the 1987 World Cup party which played in Australia, 14 returned there with England a year later and nine of them were Lions in 1989 while even Hopley toured there with England Schools in 1988.

TOUR PARTY AND ITINERARY

PARTY: Full backs: S D Hodgkinson (Nottingham), J M Webb (Bath). **Wings:** N J Heslop (Orrell), I Hunter (Northampton), C Oti (Wasps), R Underwood (Leicester). **Centres:** W D C Carling (Harlequins), J C Guscott (Bath), S J Halliday (Harlequins), D Hopley (Wasps). **Stand-off halves:** C R Andrew (Wasps), D Pears (Harlequins). **Scrum halves:** R J Hill (Bath), C D Morris (Orrell). **Props:** J Leonard (Harlequins), G S Pearce (Northampton), J A Probyn (Wasps), P A G Rendall (Wasps). **Hookers:** B C Moore (Harlequins), C J Olver (Northampton). **Locks:** P J Ackford (Harlequins), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers). **Flankers:** J P Hall (Bath), G W Rees (Nottingham), M G Skinner (Harlequins), M C Teague (Gloucester), P J Winterbottom (Harlequins). **No. 8:** D Richards (Leicester).

ITINERARY: July 7: v New South Wales (Sydney); 10: v Victoria President's XV (Melbourne); 14: v Queensland (Brisbane); 18: v Fiji B (Nadi); 20: v Fiji (Suva); 22: v Emerging Australians (Gosford); 27: v Australia (Sydney).

GRAHAM CHADWICK

Learning process: Hunter, at Leicester *Polytechnic* yesterday, *has booked a place in the touring England squad*

Hunter has ambition in sights

By PETER BILLS

IAN Hunter, a student in industrial design, yesterday completed his most prized achievement, a place in the senior England squad to tour Australia and Fiji in July.

The Northampton full-back, aged 22, who is studying at Leicester Polytechnic, is the only uncapped player to emerge from a poor season at B level and remain *on course for England's* World Cup squad. Hunter has made the squad ostensibly as a wing, but given his versatility, it is quite conceivable he could win a place in the final World Cup party as a utility player.

Hunter was out training when the news came through. Only a casual check on his television's news service revealed the decision. "It was a big shock," he said.

Given the abject failings of the B team this year, most young candidates saw their aspirations crushed. But the selectors have such a high regard for Hunter's ability that they omitted the superior speed merchants, Andy Harriman and Tony Underwood, in favour of the slower but positionally and defensively stronger Hunter.

"I would have been thrilled to get in as reserve hooker," he said. "I enjoy full back more, but playing wing is very valuable. It shows me what the wing should be thinking where he ought to be and it has forced me to work hard on my speed. I see the position these days as a back-three role quite similar to full back in some respects."

The trip to the southern hemisphere, though, will not be Hunter's first. His family emigrated to New Zealand when he was one. He is not, however, another New Zealand rugby product. He preferred football in New Zealand and only began playing rugby seriously when his homesick father brought the family home to live in the Lake District.

Hunter went to Windermere Comprehensive and played for the local club and later Carlisle as a flanker. Northampton, whom he joined when his studies took him to the Midlands, made him a full back and England are trying to make him a wing.

The failings at B level have apparently not disturbed his steady progress. "The abilit· is there, but there is an undying fear of making a mistake," he said. "For years the B team has been the graveyard for those who made mistakes and fell by the wayside. There is a feeling that you don't play your natural game for fear of messing up your future chances," he said.

The option of rugby league was available earlier this season, courtesy of interest from Widnes, Wigan and St Helens. But he wanted to see what could happen if he remained in the code and this selection makes it worthwhile. "I don't expect to play in the *World Cup* but I hope in time I may play for England as a full back. This tour will be an invaluable part of that experience."

GOLF

Ballester refines swing t end rur

From MITCHELL PLA
GOLF CORRESPONDE
HOUSTON

IT MIGHT be a sign times that Severiano Ball has walked almost unn here while preparing for t round of the Housto which begins today o Woodlands course.

Ballesteros still radia risma, but his strea character is being s examined by a prolon quence of indifferent mances. The Spaniard, of 60 tournaments a major championships, won for more than a yea

"It's been a tough ti said. "I'm trying, and I' very hard, to find the but trying alone is not You have actually to know I push myself a that is my character. I way I was born. Why change it?"

Ballesteros has alway diligent worker, so it difficult to locate him was to be found on the range. There were few him. Yet to see him go his repertoire is more re than watching most c competitive action.

The swing looks no He says there has been adjustment — it is an ad the amateur would find to detect. He still ap swing the club better other player today.

But Ballesteros said: want to look good. I w good. It is like some said: 'I don't want millionaire, I want to one.

"Right now, I th fidence has a lot to do soon as I do well tournament, I think t change for sure."

Ballesteros has reu sense *of humour.* He in this tournament a which, he hopes, is a g for this week. Howe more likely to be inspi thought of the Mast only one week away.

"Augusta is a plac feel comfortable," I said. "It is the kind where I feel that I because there is roo The bookmakers seen that Ballesteros will c So do the public. Cora Ballesteros in their several weeks at 33- Masters and few ha themselves of such "It looks like others confidence in me," said. "It sounds like a bet to me."

Ballesteros and friend Sandy Lyle together and both are a change of fortune. 100 per cent, but my been tidier," Lyle sai not take much to put right. I go out with t attitude in the world the first tee and in fiv everything can be dest couple of bad shots."

With Ian Woosnam hard Langer resting Nick Faldo, Ronan Ra José-María Olazábal the European conting looked less than happ last nine holes, but h that he was concerned experimenting. "I jus play well this week," just want to be read Masters."

Faldo, however, wa that Dave Stockton, Ryder Cup team ca assembling his potenti for a practice session a Island. "Good luck Faldo said. "I've no im *going over there.* We enough and learn eno we get there. It will be as any normal week. I just putting more pre his team. As far as cerned the more twitched up the better."

Extravagant gestures lighten rugby's burden

GERALD
DAVIES

BEFORE going on the field to play *Cardiff* last *Saturday,* David Sole, the Barbarian captain and one of the finest Scottish players of all time, told his team that a £2 fine would be imposed on anyone kicking the ball during the game.

Playing for the Barbarians has always encouraged that kind of wheeze. The pressure of international, or league rugby for that matter, was off. The burden was relieved.

Players can follow their own whims and fancies for the Barbarians, so long as they are not mean of spirit; no one there, either, to wag an admonitory finger with threats of extra press-ups next windy training night if it all goes wrong. Play with a smile on your lips.

And yet, by insisting that the ball should be handled at all times, pressure of another kind could be said to be on. Try playing the game without the escape valve of a safety kick now and again and you realise what a great and crucial art it is to pass and support. Club coaches should ponder on such things as well they might ponder, too, on the tries that were scored and from such deep, normally defensive, positions on the field. It is not a bad habit to develop.

At the after-match dinner, Sole spoke glowingly of the Barbarians' ability to attract players from all nations to play together. And by so doing, he went on, to make enduring friendships which, he emphasised, remains one of rugby's great qualities.

He then, as part of another Barbarian tradition that has lapsed, "gave a turn" and sang a ballad — a little diffidently, perhaps, to begin with, but with a little help from his friends he finally succeeded. To which a Welshman responded, in tribute, with Flower of Scotland.

But even as he spoke and the melodies died, there was a melancholy sense that the Barbarians' Easter tour of Wales is in jeopardy and, because of the modern realities of league rugby, will disappear from the calendar.

The full complement of the touring party was not present at the Saturday evening function. When once it was a tour in the real sense with players coming and staying together for a long weekend, with a golfing tournament of sorts thrown in on the Sunday, players nowadays pop in for the game and pop out again to go to other seemingly more pressing engagements elsewhere.

This year no invitations could go to any Irish players because of a full domestic league programme. Some English players were similiarly involved.

By Monday, against Swansea, the Barbarians needed five Cardiff players to help them out, as well as Glen George, of Newport, Colin Hillman, of South Wales Police, and, as replacement, Ken Waters, of Newbridge. Despite three Frenchmen, a Canadian and an American adding a cosmopolitan air to the proceedings, this was hardly a truly representative Barbarian contingent.

That Swansea did not want to play their best 15 because of cup semi-final commitments this weekend, suggests that in these circumstances the Barbarian fixture is no longer quite what it once was for them, either. With Penarth and Newport long disappeared from the Easter itinerary, the unmistakably signs are that Swansea will soon vanish, too. And that Cardiff, in the prime time Easter Saturday slot, will be the only fixture remaining of a tradition stretching back to 1901.

Since Wales is no longer the attraction it once was, there are plans afoot for the Barbarians to tour overseas on a regular basis. They will do so by visiting those places which are not on the well-trodden paths of others. This could provide the incentive to attract the right calibre players, as well as promoting their unique cavalier style of rugby football. They do add colour to what can be so mundane.

However much rugby in these islands once needed a structured competitive game, more and more rugby needs the extravagant Barbarians gesture. But only if they can uphold their singular traditions and glories of the past.

Winner lined up for a World Cup weekend

MR JIM Fookes is the winner of the Rank Hotels World Cup rugby union competition featured in *The Times* last month. Mr Fookes, who lives at Abbots Close, Datchworth, Knebworth, Hertfordshire, wins a visit for two people to the World Cup final, at Twickenham on November 2, with dinner and accommodation at the Royal Garden Hotel at Kensington after the match.

His was the first correct entry opened from all those received by *the closing date, March 25.*

The winners of the three second prizes — each a visit for two to the Wales v Australia match at Cardiff on October 12, with accommodation at the Celtic Bay Hotel — are: Mr M Hughes, of Home Mead, *Denmead, Hampshire;* Mr Robin Ireland, of Franche Court Road, Tooting, London SW17; and Mr Ian Jones, of Elliotatown, New Tredegar, Gwent.

The third-prize winners — each a visit for two to the England v United States match at Twickenham on October 11, staying at the Royal Garden — are: Mr J. R. Wyatt, of London Road East, Amersham, Buckinghamshire; Mr M. G. Dixon, of Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire; and Mr Mike Pearce, of Westerfolds Close, Woking, Surrey.

The answers were: 1, *Jonathan Davies (Wales); 2, Wales;* 3, Twice; 4, Rory Underwood; 5, France (January 18, 1986); 6, Rob Andrew; 7, David Codey; 8, Moriarty, Llewellyn; 9, Ireland v Romania (60-0); 10, Jock Hobbs; 11, Kerry Fitzgerald (Australia); 12, Graham Dawe, Gareth Chilcott, Wade Dooley, Richard Hill; 13, Western Samoa; 14, Richard Cardus; 15, Tony Gray.

Nancekevill to face Orrell

By DAVID HANDS

RICHARD Nancekevill, the Cornish scrum half who joined Northampton last October, will play his first Pilkington Cup match for them in the semi-final against Orrell on Saturday. However, win or lose, Nancekevill will play at Twickenham *this season,* if not with his new club, then with Cornwall *in* the county championship final on April 20.

He takes the place of David Elkington, who damaged a rib cartilage against Llanelli last weekend and was unable to train on Tuesday evening. Nancekevill, from Launceston, is a student at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, and came to Northampton's attention when he appeared at Franklins Gardens as a replacement for Bath's second XV.

"He was looking for better-quality rugby than he was getting and we were looking for back-up in that position," Barrie *Corless, Northampton's rugby* manager, said yesterday. The scrum half has played only a handful of games for the first XV, but now finds himself playing opposite Dewi Morris, England's replacement all season.

Orrell field Steve Taberner at full back after a rib injury *threatened to terminate his* season, but Harlequins will be without Will Carling, the England captain, for their semi-final with Nottingham at the Stoop Memorial ground. Carling suffered a haematoma at the top of his thigh after a heavy and needless tackle by Dean Wring, of Bristol, during last weekend's league match and may require as much as three weeks before playing again.

His place at centre goes to Gavin Thompson, and Everton Davis is restored to the wing after missing the Bristol match. Nottingham prefer the experi*enced Peter Cook at blind-side* flanker to Greg Koral and field Jonathan Hudson at hooker after injury to Roger Taylor.

☐ Moseley, already threatened with relegation from the first division of the Courage clubs championship, are to appear before the North Midlands disciplinary committee after having four *players* sent off this season.

The club has already taken action by imposing a month's suspension on their most recent player to be ordered off, Brett Crawford, a third team *prop* forward.

☐ Simon Bryant, who is in his first full season of Heineken League rugby, has been nominated as Bridgend's player of the year.

☐ England's 18 Group schoolboys beat their Spanish counterparts 10-6 at Bedford on Tuesday after losing 7-6 to Italy in Prato at the weekend.

Tactical ploy involves a switch for Teague

MIKE Teague has been moved to his England position of blindside flanker for Gloucester's Courage Clubs Championship match with Bath on Saturday. Teague normally plays at No. 8 for Gloucester but that position will be filled by Peter Miles.

"We thought long and hard about the back row to play Bath and this decision was by no means cut and dried," Fred Reed, the Gloucester team secretary, said.

"But in the end we decided that Peter Miles would give us some much-needed extra height in the back row." Miles stands 6ft 4in.

Gloucester have also included the centre, Richard Mogg, in their team. Mogg announced his retirement from first-team rugby at the end of last season after making his 500th club appearance. But he has made occasional appearances this season and has shown some impressive form.

☐ Alex Moore, the Scotland wing, is out of the party to tour north America next month (Alan Lorimer writes). The Edinburgh Academical has severe adductor and pelvic strain. He will receive treatment, including a cortisone injection, over the next ten days, but has no chance of being fit for the tour, which starts on May 4.

His replacement is Mark Moncrieff, the young Gala wing, who has represented Scotland A against Spain in Seville and Scotland B against France at Hughenden this season. In addition, Moncrieff was one of several Scots in the European Saltires team, which played against the South Pacific Barbarians in Hong Kong prior to the Cathay Pacific/Hongkong Bank sevens.

Nicklaus fine warm

PHOENIX, Arizona Nicklaus feels that he one more major champ in him at the age of 51, not, yet, referring to T dition, a senior title, w starts defending today Cochise course which he Desert Mountain north *(Patricia Davies writes).*

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The course here w Nicklaus' warm-up purp

FIXTURE

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Bob Lord Trophy
Semi-final, second leg
First leg score in brackets
Sutton Utd (2) v Kettering (0)

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier Wivenhoe v Woking (7.45).

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Linfield (7.45).

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OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINAT wich v Millwall; West Ham v W (7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSH division: Wigan v St Helens (8.0) division: Bramley v Workingt Dewsbury v Nottingham Ci Halifax v Swinton; Carlisle v Borough (6.0).

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CYCLING

Drugs ban on Uruguayan

FEDERICO Moreira, the Uruguayan champion, has been suspended from competition for allegedly using a banned substance. A drugs test on Moreira, who won the Tour of Uruguay for the fourth time last weekend, found he had used a stimulant called niquetamida.

Two other riders, Juan Seijo and Carlos Garcia, were also suspended after tests showed traces of amphetamines in their urine.

VOLLEYBALL

McDonald back on Scottish duty after injury

SANDRA McDonald, who has not played for Scotland for almost four years after a serious car accident, will return at the British championships in Sheffield at the weekend (Roddie MacKenzie writes).

McDonald, aged 23, who plays for Provincial Insurance in the Royal Bank of Scotland Scottish League, was told at one stage that she would never play again at international level. However, she has made a complete recovery, and helped her club to third place in the league, and will be an important player for Scotland in Sheffield. Her last appearance was against England at the British championships in 1987 when Scotland won 3-0 to claim the inaugural title.

"The personnel has changed in the Scotland team and I'm now one of the older members," McDonald said yesterday. "But I feel as fit as ever, and the only aches and pains I get are after three days of hard training, which I think everyone gets."

Audrey Cooper, one of McDonald's team-mates in her last international four years ago, could turn out against her should England and Scotland meet in the final. She switched allegiance in January after living in London for several years, and is now a member of the England squad. England will be without Carla Sinclair, of Mizuno Britannia, but should prove too strong for any of their opponents this weekend.

SCOTLAND SQUAD: G Colligan (Provincial Insurance), S Dunnet (Provincial Insurance), S McDonald (Provincial Insurance), M Simpson (Provincial Insurance), G Wannan (Provincial Insurance); P Bell (Carluke Brannock), N James (Carluke Brannock), C Pearson (Carluke Brannock); N Turnbull (Balmoral Tullos), L Cameron (Balmoral Tullos); L Brammell (AM Graphics '84), P Munro (Elliott Sports Jets).

ENGLAND SQUAD: T Holland (Mizuno Britannia), A Glover (Mizuno Britannia), K Sherrif (Mizuno Britannia), A Cooper (Woolwich Brixton Knights), A Cowell (Woolwich Brixton Knights), Y Moon (Hilton Leeds), J Smith (Sovereign Leasing Sale), M Nudds (Ashcombe Sabre Dorking), J Cording (Scorpions), S Radley (MGI Wessex), T Fiford (Purbrook).

The paradox that leaves clubs short on skill

PETER BALL concludes his examination of the value of English football's national school: Are the FA's strictures too tight?

THE GM Vauxhall Football Association National School at Lilleshall is the focal point of the growing dissatisfaction inside the professional game with the production of young players. But as the Football League's recent decision to set up an investigation suggests, the issue is a much bigger one than a single school catering for an intake of 25 students a year at the age of 14.

Even the turning of apprentices – the players who have made it through the system, into fully-fledged professionals – is by no means straightforward. Bertie Mee, now a Watford director, was manager of Arsenal when the club established itself as the outstanding producer of young players in the country, and Mee's analysis of his ten years there reveals that even at Highbury the fall-out rate was considerable.

"Of 100 apprentices, one third will go on to make their living in the game at some level," Mee said. "One third will drop out because of lack of ability, medical problems and other miscellaneous reasons, and one third will fail because of attitude problems, lack of discipline."

The concern for many people in the game, however, is the education that players receive before they reach the age for apprenticeships and come under the full-time influence of professional clubs. The fears are that declining standards will be intensified unless there are radical changes.

At a first glance, with England earning considerable kudos from the World Cup, rising attendances and football once again in public favour, the concern might seem unnecessarily pessimistic. Many professionals, however, were less impressed than the populace with England's fourth place in Italy.

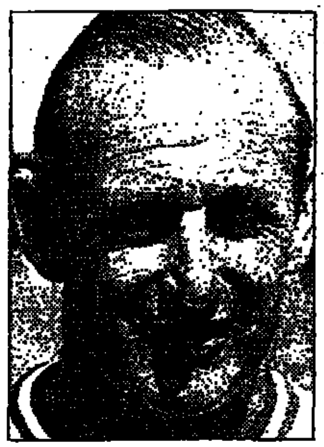
"It's 25 years this summer since we won an international trophy. Are we going to have a remembrance day on the anniversary, or are we thinking of winning it again?" Bill Fox, the president of the Football League, demanded sardonically.

Mee took a similar line: "In 1966 when we won the World Cup, we had five world-class players. We went in this time with very few – Gary Lineker, Des Walker; it would be nice to go in with six or seven, because until we do, we won't win the World Cup.

"Everyone went over the top over the performances in Italy – conveniently forgetting about the very ordinary performances in the first four games in the euphoria of the last two against West Germany and Italy. We were outclassed even by Cameroon. Over the last 20 years we have become a third-rate football nation."

Concern is exacerbated both by the over-emphasis on winning or, indeed, on competition in schools football, and by the decline of football in schools. The latter, at least, has persuaded the English Schools FA to relax its previous antagonism to the professional game and acquiesce in the FA's decision to allow League clubs to sign on schoolboys and set up schools of excellence, the base of the pyramid which leads up to Lilleshall.

The system has its admirers. "In English football we have had a real look at ourselves, and the schools of excellence are a very good system," Alex Ferguson, of Manchester United, said. "The FA has kept a firm control, you can't play the boys in competitive games, you can only coach them, and I think it is producing improved standards.



Mee: "third-rate nation"

Fox: "We must learn"

"At our school, we have three coaches and Archie Knox [Ferguson's assistant] working. That means there is a coach to every 16 or 20 boys, so you can give care and attention to every individual, and we work hard on technical skills and tactical appreciation."

Both Fox and Mee believe that the system does not go nearly far enough, however. "We have got to look at the way they do things on the Continent and see what we can learn from that," Fox said. "I was critical of the standards of the Lilleshall boys in the Genoa tournament, but they only come to the school at 14, and all the faults have developed by then. On the Continent they get to the boys much earlier.

"At least, at the National School the boys can participate in skill practice every lunch-time, every evening and probably on a Saturday and Sunday too," Mee said. "So the boys who go there are acquiring and developing *their skills* very much like the old-timers used to do when they kicked a ball about from morning till night because there was nothing else to do.

"But there is a paradox that while at the National School they can be coached morning and evening, at the clubs we are allowed to coach our schoolboys *one hour* per week. If you are a swimmer, a gymnast, a violinist or a rugby player, you can have unlimited time.

"I live opposite Saracens' rugby ground, and every Sunday morning they have 200 kids there from five upwards throwing a ball around. In football, we are not allowed to do that. Because of the legislation which was passed by the FA, the English Schools FA and the Football League, we are allowed one hour per week, and you are hauled before the FA if you abuse it.

"How do you achieve the level of skills to compete with the rest of the world when all you are allowed to do is one hour a week? We have become a third-rate football nation because of our lack of technique, which is being completely stifled by the authorities, who will allow clubs only that time to take boys on coaching practice.

"It is only in the last couple of years that the age at which boys can come to the clubs has been dropped from 14 years of age to nine. We should be able to open the clubs up so that boys can come to the schools of excellence five nights a week and for two hours on a Sunday morning."

With Fox in full accord, the League investigation seems certain to recommend changes along these lines. But financing them will be a problem for some clubs, and critics of the National School believe that the £200,000 it costs a year could be better spent supporting the schools of excellence run by the clubs under the FA's jurisdiction.

Alternatively, some argue that one centre at Lilleshall is not enough and that there should be regional schools to cater for a much larger number of potential pupils. Either way, the future for Lilleshall is far from secure.

CRICKET

Missed catches prove costly

KINGSTOWN, St Vincent (AP) – The Australian cricketers had to settle for a draw in their four-day match against the West Indies Under-23 XI after their off spinner, Peter Taylor, had taken them close to victory by taking five for 38, a performance that could gain him a place in the team for the third Test against the West Indies starting in Port-of-Spain tomorrow.

The home side, 144 behind on the first innings, were 163 for nine in their second when the game was given up after Taylor, aged 32, from Queensland, had raised Australian hopes of an unlikely victory by taking all five wickets the under-23 team lost between lunch and tea.

But for a dogged, unbeaten 58 by the Jamaican left-hander, Jimmy Adams, and his eighth-wicket partnership of 58 with the fast bowler, Linden Joseph, the Australians would certainly have won.

When Joseph was bowled by Hughes for 36, the young West Indians were only four ahead with two wickets remaining and Allan Border had Sam Skeete lbw before he had scored.

Adams, however, remained defiant to the end and found another steady partner in the last man, Rajindra Dhanraj.

The Australians were let down by their catching. They put down Adams when he was 3, Steve Waugh flooring a chance off Taylor's bowling, and later Mark Taylor, at slip, twice dropped Joseph off the left-arm fast bowler, Bruce Reid.

Peter Taylor, having been overlooked for the first two Tests, is now challenging hard for the place filled by Greg Matthews, the New South Wales all-rounder, whose form has been disappointing.

The Australians, who resumed at 390 for six, added 61 in the first session before Reid bowled Philo Wallace with the first ball of the innings. Peter Taylor then brought to life a match which had seemed certain to fade away quietly.

WEST INDIES UNDER-23: First Innings 307 (S C Williams 97, J Eugene 55, P A Wallace 52).

Second Innings

P A Wallace b Reid	0
S C Williams c Healy P L Taylor	19
J Eugene lbw b P L Taylor	25
*B C Lara st Veletta b P L Taylor	4
J C Adams not out	58
†J R Murray c M A Taylor b P L Taylor	0
H A Anthony b P L Taylor	5
N O Perry lbw b Reid	5
L A Joseph b Hughes	36
S M Skeete lbw b Border	0
R Dhanraj not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 1, nb 8)	11
Total (9 wkts)	162

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-50, 3-54, 4-55, 5-55, 6-77, 7-90, 8-148, 9-151.

BOWLING: Reid 14-1-47-2; Alderman 4-0-17-0; P L Taylor 25-9-37-5; Hughes 12-0-32-1; Border 10-3-28-1.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

M A Taylor b Anthony	122
†M R J Veletta c Wallace b Joseph	4
D C Boon run out	53
D M Jones c Murray b Anthony	50
S R Waugh c Lara b Anthony	85
P L Taylor run out	33
I A Healy c Eugene b Perry	20
*A R Border not out	38
M G Hughes c Lara b Perry	9
B A Reid c Lara b Perry	2
T M Alderman lbw b Anthony	2
Extras (b 3, lb 7, w 7, nb 6)	23
Total	451

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-128, 3-239, 4-274, 5-363, 6-387, 7-414, 8-433, 9-444.

BOWLING: Skeete 30-4-109-0; Joseph 20-1-63-1; Perry 44-5-111-3; Anthony 28.2-2-95-4; Dhanraj 29-2-63-0.

Umpires: G T Browne and A E Weekes.

☐ Jon Agnew, the former Leicestershire and England fast bowler, has been appointed BBC Radio's cricket correspondent in succession to Christopher Martin-Jenkins. Agnew, 31 today, made his debut for Leicestershire in 1978 and took 666 first-class wickets before retiring at the end of last season. A former sports producer for BBC Radio Leicester, Agnew rejoins the BCC from *Today*.

Five-wicket man: Peter Taylor, the Australian spinner, advanced his Test claims

RUGBY UNION

Bethwaite shines in Naval display

By PETER BILLS

Royal Navy........................ 45
Public Schools Wndrs... 0

THIS was the proverbial Navy lark if ever there was one, for only one side played any rugby of purpose and cohesion before a handful of curious onlookers at Old Deer Park.

The Public School Wanderers, resplendent in their mixture of pink, light-blue and other assorted coloured socks, plus white, black and blue shorts looked dressed for a party.

By contrast the Navy have reached the climax of their season, having played and lost to the Army with the other inter-services fixture against the RAF still to come. This was no more than a pleasant diversion for *them, because Wanderers* lacked both the tactical acumen and certainly the will to make a game of it.

In these circumstances one hesitates to read anything much into individual performances yet it was clear that the Navy hierarchy left with a warm regard for their stand-off, Kevin Bethwaite.

The Aspatria player was not fit enough to make the side which lost to the Army but his crisp breaks and direct running, not to say the elusive manner in which he ran, will surely have earned him his place for the game against the RAF.

Bethwaite may well be a lightweight physically but he scored tries after 19 and 39 minutes and converted five of his team's eight tries as well as kicking a good penalty goal.

The Navy's superior fitness was obvious yet Wanderers had enough ball to have done far better. Good Navy players like Allcock and Reece were missing, yet the Wanderers never got out of first gear much to the disappointment of Navy officials who had wanted a sterner test.

Keen tackling and covering snuffed out the few Wanderers attacks which were of any merit.

SCORERS: Navy: Tries: Bethwaite (2), Livingstone, Salmon, Martin, Short, Leatherland. Conversions: Bethwaite (5). Penalty goal: Bethwaite.

NAVY: Mne J Mayne (CDO); Lt R England (HMS Invincible), Cpl G Richards (CTC), Mid A Kellett (BRNC Dartmouth), LS S Salmon (HMS Drake); PO K Bethwaite (HMS Liverpool), Mne P Livingstone (CTC); Col Sgt J Martin (42 CDO), LS A Joy (HMS Otter), Capt W Dunham (CTC), AB B Short (HMS Sirius), Mne S Armstrong (CTC), Lmen S Leatherland (HMS Osprey), PO PT S Jones (HMS Drake), Lt PT I Russell (HMS Raleigh).

PUBLIC SCHOOL WANDERERS: R Greed (Bedford); J Eagle (Harlequins), C Smith (Rosslyn Park), P Reed (Cambridge University), J Salmon (Saracens); S Vandin (Rugby), H McHardy (Rosslyn Park); M Jones (Oxford University), D Patterson (London Scottish), P Hackett (High Wycombe), F Shelford (OMT and Bay of Plenty; rep: M Hadson (Askeans)), M Upex (Bedford), S France (Harlequins), M Renwick (London Scottish), S Harris (Bedford).

Referee: G Beaumont (London Society).

SNOOKER

Griffiths outplayed

TERRY Griffiths, who has won the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters three times, yesterday suffered his worst defeat in 12 years of competition in the tournament (Steve Acteson writes).

He was beaten 5-0 by Nigel Bond, the young player of the year for 1990, who is making his debut at Goffs, County Kildare.

Bond, eliminated in the final qualifying round of this month's world championship by Joe Johnson on Monday, vented his frustration on the world No. 6.

RESULTS: Preliminary round: N Bond (Eng) bt T Griffiths (Wales), 5-0. Late result on Tuesday: D Taylor (N Ire) bt M Hallett (Eng), 5-2.

SQUASH RACKETS

Ransome holds it together

From COLIN McQUILLAN IN PARIS

JOHN Ransome, ranked joint tenth in England and 38th in the world, yesterday won two private battles by the narrowest of margins in the first round of the French Open championship here, one against his oldest Essex opponent, Chris Walker, and the other against his oldest pair of shorts.

After a long, hard qualifying tournament which kept him constantly on court from Friday, Ransome defeated Walker 15-13, 5-15, 15-14, 7-15, 15-14 in 74 minutes holding up his shorts with his right hand while trading shots with the left.

"Those were the last clean shorts in my bag and the belt-catch snapped," he said. Walker, ranked No. 3 in England and seventeenth in the world, was already talking as they left the court. He lost the third game when Ransome called a single-point tie-break at 14-14 and then the match, when Ransome did the same at 14-14 in the fifth.

There were four let-calls with Ransome leading 14-13 and another at 14-14, all concerned with access to left-handed drop shots. Then, the referee, Dorothy Armstrong, firmly decided against a let on a Ransome forehand which clipped into the nick halfway down the left-hand wall.

"She ruined the match," Walker said. "After all those let-calls you could just see that no-let coming." Ransome said: "It is my best result for some time. I have been calling one point and losing a lot. I thought about it at the end of the fifth and decided to go for umpteenth time lucky."

RESULTS: First round: C Robertson (Aus) bt M Cairns (Eng), 15-9, 15-12, 15-9; J Ransome (Eng) bt C Walker (Eng), 15-13, 5-15, 15-14, 7-15, 15-14; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt Z Jahan (Pakistan), 15-6, 15-12, 15-9; J Nicolle (Eng) bt S Hailstone (SA), 13-15, 15-11, 15-10, 15-8.

IN BRIEF

Swift flies with Duff

WALLY Swift Jr, the new British light-middleweight champion, has signed a three-fight contract with Mickey Duff, the promoter.

Duff will bid to stage Swift's first defence of the British title, a possible attempt at the European crown and one further fight this year. Swift has been told by the British Boxing Board of Control that he must make the first defence of his British title against Tony Collins, of Yateley, the WBC international champion.

CRICKET: Chris Smith, of Hampshire, the South African-born former England batsman, collected a club record £181,679.48 from his benefit last season.

☐ Only 3,000 tickets are left for England's Texaco Cup one-day international against the West Indies at Old Trafford on May 25.

TENNIS: John McEnroe, the former Wimbledon champion, was yesterday fined $1,500 for his outbursts during a shock first-round defeat by Todd Witsken in the Hong Kong Open.

☐ Essex boys scored a 5-4 victory over Lancashire at Bournemouth to win the Midland Bank junior county cup for the eleventh successive year. Hampshire were runners-up on set difference.

BASEBALL: Bo Jackson yesterday signed a one-year contract with the Chicago White Sox less than two weeks after being released by the Kansas City Royals because of a hip injury sustained playing American football for the Los Angeles Raiders.

CYCLING: Tony Doyle, the former world pursuit champion who was left without a team place when the Ever Ready-Halfords squad folded, has clinched a solo sponsorship deal.

ICE HOCKEY

Bulgarians pip British for world promotion

From NORMAN DE MESQUITA IN COPENHAGEN

AS THE British players flew home from here yesterday, Bulgaria beat Belgium 14-2 to leapfrog over Great Britain into the fourth and final promotion position in pool C of the world championships. Denmark, Romania and China are the other three countries that will play in next year's pool B.

There is no doubt that Denmark were the best team in the tournament. Scoring most goals and conceding fewest, they played enterprising and attractive hockey throughout.

Great Britain have nothing of which to be ashamed, with wins over North and South Korea, Belgium and Romania and a draw with Hungary. Alex Dampier, the coach, was particularly pleased with the performance against Romania.

"It was a gutsy performance, from a team that was worn down, injured and tired, but was a real credit to the flag and the sweater," he said. That game was won, but even the defeats were all by a single goal. "Nobody here has blown us out," said Dampier. "We have not been disgraced in any of the games."

The worst aspect of the well-run tournament was the refereeing. Too many of the referees and linesmen seemed inexperienced, with little feel for the game. Some alarmingly dangerous stick infractions went unpunished, while petty little technical things, such as ensuring that a player's sweater was completely outside his shorts, took on great significance.

Too many of them seemed to be in Copenhagen because their country had to be represented, rather than being chosen on their merit.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan's trio returns

WIGAN, who were yesterday named the Stones Bitter first division team of the month for March, play St Helens tonight in a Challenge Cup final rehearsal at Central Park (Keith Macklin writes).

The champions are likely to be without the injured Shaun Edwards and Ian Lucas as they prepare for five games in nine days, but Ellery Hanley, Joe Lydon and Phil Clarke are expected to return.

Swinton have signed Martin Leyland, the Great Britain amateur wing, from the St Helens club, Thatto Heath. He goes straight into tonight's vital second division promotion match against Halifax because Swinton are riddled with injuries.

Doncaster have been named the second division team of the month after winning five games out of six in March.

☐ Kelvin Skerrett, Wigan's international prop, is in danger of missing the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley later this month after being sent off at Oldham on Monday. His case will not be heard by the disciplinary committee until April 11.

☐ Kevin Tamati, the New Zealander who has led Salford to the second division championship, is wanted by Wellington as club coach.

YACHTING

Auguin leads but Gautier in command

By BARRY PICKTHALL

CHRISTOPHE Auguin, the second-placed BOC round the world race entrant, who faces the uphill task of pulling back 21½ hours on his French compatriot, Alain Gautier, has moved into the lead on the final stage of the circumnavigation back to Newport, Rhode Island.

Auguin's 60ft yacht, Groupe Sceta, pulled out a six-mile lead over his rival's almost identical craft overnight, leaving Philippe Jeantot, the former race winner, now fighting to secure third place overall, a further 24 miles astern.

There is good news on the British front, too. Robin Davie, on board the 43ft Global Exposure, the smallest yacht in the race, leads his Corinthian class rival, Paul Thackaberry, by four miles, and Josh Hall has retaken second place among the class 2 entrants.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 9:37 GMT yesterday, with miles to Newport, Rhode Island): Class 1: Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr) 4,752 miles; 2, Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr) 4,758; 3, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr) 4,782; 4, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun) 4,833; 5, Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr) 4,867; 6, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus) 4,902; 7, Duracell (M Plant, US) 4,909; 8, Jarkan (K Birtles, Aus) 4,921; 9, Grinaker (B Reed, SA) 5,028; 10, BBV Expo '92 (J Ugarte, Sp) 5,033. Class 2: 1, Servant IV (Y Dupasquier, Fr) 4,974; 2, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB) 5,036; 3, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus) 5,058; 4, Project City Kids (J Boye, US) 5,097. Corinthian class: 1, Global Exposure (R Davie, GB) 5,091; 2, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US) 5,095; 3, Shutendohji (M Saito, Japan) 5,155.

Sunshine boy

David Clarkson, a Lancashire-born midfield player, has joined Brighton, of the second division, on trial until the end of the season from the Australian club Sunshine George Cross.

First defence

Kiyoshi Hatanaka, of Japan, the World Boxing Council super-bantamweight champion will make the first defence of his title against the Mexican Daniel Zaragoza, in Nagoya on June 14.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Detroit Pistons 83, Charlotte Hornets 78; Boston Celtics 94, New Jersey Nets 77; Milwaukee Bucks 121, Philadelphia 76ers 104; Washington Bullets 101, Cleveland Cavaliers 82; Portland Trail Blazers 104, Minnesota Timberwolves 98; Los Angeles Lakers 122, San Antonio Spurs 115; Dallas Mavericks 133, Denver Nuggets 128; Chicago Bulls 108, Orlando Magic 102; Phoenix Suns 131, Utah Jazz 117; Sacramento Kings 96, Miami Heat 90.

BOWLS

ELY: Robert Hutchinson Opticians Masters: Last 16: S Rees (Swansea) bt D Cornwell (Ely), 9-4, 9-7; A Thomson (Cyphers, Beckenham) bt D Bryant (Clevedon), 2-9, 9-6, 9-6; A Wyatt (Ipswich) bt M Jackman (Ely), 0-9, 9-3, 9-1; D Ward (Roundwood, Norwich) bt J Ottaway (Wymondham Dell), 6-9, 9-6, 9-4; W Richards (Cambridge Park, Twickenham) bt R Hart (Essex County), 2-9, 9-5, 9-8; J Rednall (Ipswich) bt W Hobart (Boston), 5-9, 9-7, 9-0; H Duff (Auchinleck) bt G Harlow (Ely), 9-6, 9-3; M King (Hunstanton) bt M Enwistle (Ely), 5-9, 9-8, 9-8.

BLACKPOOL: Greenalls 5,000 Waterloo spring tournament: Second-round winners: C McDonald (Wilmslow), A Chetwind (Birmingham), R Scott (Blackpool), R Lowe (Bolton), G Lowe (Ashton under Lyne), G Coups (Preston), S Coupe (Preston), D Waring (Fleetwood), I Holden (Todmorden), A Ward (Poulton).

CYCLING

HERZELE, Belgium: De Panne three-day race: 17km time-trial: 1, J Nijdam (Neth), 23min 19sec; 2, F Maassen (Neth), at 08sec; 3, V Ekimov (USSR), at 18; 4, C Criquielion (Bel), same time; 5, U Raab (Ger), at 21; 6, F Moreau (Fr), at 23. Overall: 1, Nijdam, 2hr 38min 00sec; 2, Maassen, at 08sec; 3, M Sciandri (It), at 12; 4, Ekimov, at 18; 5, Criquielion, same time; 6, Raab, at 21.

NORTHERN IRELAND MILK RACE: First stage A (8½-mile time-trial): 1, S O'Brien (NWCE), 13min 32sec; 2, P Cassidy (Ire), 13:47; 3, O Prebble (GB), 14:10; 4, M Kane (Ire), 14:22; 5, R Power (Four Prov), 14:23; 6, R Hughes (Wales), 14:24. First stage B (72-mile road race): 1, R Langley (GB), 2hr 59min 08sec; 2, S Bray (GB); 3, R Glaiza (Cz), both same time; 4, J Bijkerk (Neth), 2:59:40; 5, C McCann (Four Prov), 2:59:41; 6, G Foord (GB), same time. Overall: 1, O'Brien, 2:13:28; 2, G Butler (NWCE), 2:14:13; 3, Kane, 2:14:16; 4, M Postle (Wales), 2:14:28; 5, G Feghan (Swe), 2:14:30; 6, D Hourigan (Ire), 2:14:32.

ICE HOCKEY

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Finland 3, Soviet Union 5 (in Helsinki).

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Group B (in Yugoslavia): France 5, Japan 3; Norway 3, Poland 1. Positions (after 4 matches): 1, Italy, 8pts; 2, Norway, 8; 3, France, 8; 4, Austria, 6; 5, Poland, 2; 6, Japan, 1; 7, Yugoslavia, 0; 8, Netherlands, 0. Group C (Denmark): Romania 6, Hungary 1; Bulgaria 14, Belgium 2; North Korea 7, South Korea 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: First division: Hull KR 14, Warrington 6; Leeds 54, Salford 18.

RUGBY UNION

TENNENTS MIDLANDS CUP: First round: Strathmore 3, Glenrothes 38.

TOUR MATCH: Hamburg Exiles 9, Camp Hill 42.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round: Group three: Cyprus 0, Hungary 2 (in Limassol).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Fulham 1, Brighton 0; QPR 0, Crystal Palace 2.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Barry Town 2, Swansea 2.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' FA FESTIVALS: Isle of Wight: Bury 0, Vale of White Horse 1; Oxford 0, Cambridge 2; Doncaster 2, Gosport 0; Peterborough 0, Plymouth 0; North Leicestershire 1, Manchester 4; East Cornwall 3, East Northumberland 2; Bradford 3, Huntingdon 2; Rotherham 4, Decorum 2; East Berkshire 0, Leeds 1; Redbridge 1, Sheffield 1; Isle of Wight 3, Allerdale 1; Luton 5, Gateshead 2; Decorum 0, Sheffield 3; Manchester 4, Doncaster 1; Gateshead 1, North Leicestershire 5; East Berkshire 0, Rotherham 3; Bury 5, Huntingdon 4; Gosport 3, Redbridge 3; Allerdale 1, Vale of White House 8; Bradford 4, Oxford 1; Cambridge 0, Leeds 1; East Cornwall 2, Luton 1; East Northumberland 1, Plymouth 1; Isle of Wight 1, Peterborough 6. Jersey: Newbury 0, Deeside 2; Jersey A 0, Maidstone 3; Gravesham 1, Washington 1; Belfast 2, Reading 1; Chiltern 2, Gloucester 2; Bishop Auckland 2, West Cornwall 2; Jersey B 0, Thurrock 6.

LIBERTADORES CUP: Group one (preliminary round): River Plate (Arg) 3, Oriente Petrolero (Bol) 1. Group two: Barcelona (Ec) 2, Colo Colo (Chile) 2. Group three: Flamengo (Br) 4, Nacional (Uru) 0. Group four: Atletico Colegiales (Par) 2, Universitario (Peru) 0.

Late results on Tuesday

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Leeds United 5, Sunderland 0; Manchester United 2, Wimbledon 1. Second division: Ipswich Town 2, Portsmouth 2. Third division: Birmingham City 1, Tranmere Rovers 0; Bournemouth 2, Grimsby Town 1; Cambridge United 2, Bolton Wanderers 1; Shrewsbury Town 1, Bradford City 0; Southend United 1, Chester City 1. Fourth division: Blackpool 8, Carlisle United 0; Torquay United 1, Maidstone United 1.

B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Clyde 2, Ayr United 2; Forfar Athletic 0, Falkirk 0; Morton 2, Clydebank 2.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group two: Romania 2, Switzerland 0.

FRENCH CUP: Second round: Auxerre 1, St Etienne 0.

ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final, second leg: AS Roma 1, AC Milan 0 (agg: 1-0).

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Dortmund 1, Werder Bremen 1; Bayern Munich 0, Fortuna Düsseldorf 1; Nuremberg 1, Kaiserslautern 4; Bayer Uerdingen 1, Karlsruhe 1; Bayer Leverkusen 0, VfB Stuttgart 0; Hertha Berlin 2, VfL Bochum 4.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 3, Redbridge Forest 1; St Albans 2, Carshalton 1. First division: Boreham Wood 0, Whyteleafe 2; Walton and Hersham 3, Molesey 1; Wembley 0, Hitchin 2; Worthing 1, Heybridge Swifts 3. Second division north: Barton 0, Tring 0; Billericay 4, Hertford 2; Rochley 2, Ware 4; Hemel Hempstead 3, Basildon 1; Kingsbury 0, Collier Row 1; Purfleet 2, Clapton 1. Second division south: Bracknell 1, Hungerford 1; Cove 1, Feltham 0; *Maidenhead United 1, Southall 0; Malden Vale* 1, Flackwell Heath 0; Newbury 2, Egham 0.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Charlton 1, Southampton 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wednesday 4, Rotherham 3. Second division: West Bromwich Albion 3, Barnsley 0.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ferryhill Athletic 2, Peterlee Newton 1.

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: West Ham 1, Millwall 2.

GOLF

WEST KILBRIDE: STV Scottish Boys' championship: Second round: Second quarter: C Forrest (Kirkhill) bt D Donaldson (Prestwick St Nicholas), 2 holes; S Connolly (Clydebank and District) bt A Martin (Callander), 1 hole. Third quarter: P Ferguson (Bearsden) bt D Cooper (Drumpellier), 6 and 5; A Thomson (Comrie) bt I Dawson (Forres), 5 and 4; G Bodys (Ravenspark) bt D Campbell (Machrihanish), 3 and 2; M Urquhart (Inverness) bt S Gray (Musselburgh), 7 and 5; N R Birnie (Forres) bt S Cumberford (Uphall), 5 and 4; I Anderson (Baith) bt C Adair (Wishaw), 3 and 1; I Steele (Turnhouse) bt S Smith (West Linton), 3 and 2; R Thornton (Cardross) bt G Beveridge (Leven Thistle), 4 and 3; G Vint (Belleisle) bt G Aitken (Kirkintilloch), 3 and 2; C Murray (Kilmarnock Barassie) bt K Law (Forfar), 4 and 3; T McGravie (Balerton) bt R Murray (Crieff), 2 and 1; E Forbes (Grantown-on-Spey) bt G Grier (West Linton), 2 holes; B Ford (Kilspindie) bt C MacDougall (Lundin Links), 4 and 2; K Witt (Royal Waterloo, Bel) bt M Bain (Royal Aberdeen), 2 holes; R Galloway (Loudoun) bt A Fowlie (Royal Aberdeen), 6 and 5; D Summers (Ratho Park) bt F Hall (West Kilbride), 2 holes. Fourth quarter: N Archibald (Kingsknowe) bt R McPherson (Machrihanish), 3 and 1; S Young (Inverallochy) bt D Drummond (Glen), 3 and 2; J McKinnon (Ferenze) bt A Gibson (Blairbeth), 7 and 6; A Farmer (Ranfurly Castle) bt F Dowie (St Andrews), 4 and 3; G McInnes (Murcar) bt G Armstrong (Glenbervie), 1 hole; A Cotter (Kilmarnock Barassie) bt E Maciver (Inverness), 3 and 2; E Sprott (Stranraer) bt B Williams (Ladybank), 2 and 1; S Orr (East Renfrewshire) bt I Darroch (Ferenze), 1 hole; C Stevenson (Kilmacolm) bt R Gallagher (Bonnyton), at 19th; R Jefferson (Lanark) bt A Kellock (Linlithgow), 2 and 1; A MacDonald (Hayston) bt E Burns (Greenburn), 2 and 1; A Reid (Kilmarnock Barassie) bt C White (New Galloway), 2 holes; J Love (Mount Ellen) bt G Davidson (Langholm), 1 hole; S Gallacher (Bathgate) bt K Smith (Ravenspark), 5 and 4; G Hutcheon (Banchory) bt I Kennedy (Paisley), 2 and 1; J McKinney (West Kilbride) bt N McVean (Craigie Hill), at 19th.

Third round: First quarter: C Watson (Williamwood) bt R Perry (Port Glasgow), 4 and 3; M Beveridge (Tulliallan) bt J McAnna (Shotts), 1 hole; B Collier (Callander) bt A Anderson (Carnoustie), 5 and 4; H McKibbin (Caprington) bt J Bunch (St Andrews New), at 19th; J McGrogan (Dumbarton) bt J Davidson (Thornhill), 6 and 4; S Roberts (Kilspindie) bt N Sneddon (Liberton), 3 and 1; S Dundas (Haggs Castle) bt S Rae (Cathkin Braes), 2 and 1; S Gray (Falcecrigg) bt D Love (Callander), 5 and 3. Second quarter: J Menzies (Edinburgh Thistle) bt B Keatie (Galashiels), 1 hole; C Hislop (Powfoot) bt J Clive (Campsie), 2 and 1; B Johnston (Glen) bt I Smith (Troon Welbeck), 4 and 2; A Balfour (Carnoustie) bt G Meechan (Linn Park), 4 and 3; A Forsyth (Ralston) bt I Wilson (Liberton), 4 and 3; M Clifford (Wishaw) bt J Cochrane (Alyth), 6 and 5; A Speirs (Old Ranfurly) bt D Downie (Ladybank), at 19th; Connolly bt Forrest, at 20th.

EUROPEAN PGA TOUR: Leading money-winners: 1, S Richardson (Eng), $245,574 (about £139,000); 2, J-M Olazabal (Sp), $169,050; 3, M McLean (Eng), $129,210; 4, I Woosnam (Wales), $119,968; 5, M A Jimenez (Sp), $94,320; 6, D Levenson (SA), $85,835; 7, M A Martin (Sp), $83,345; 8, A Forsbrand (Swe), $81,241; 9, V Fernandez (Arg), $68,059; 10, D Feherty (N Ire), $66,058.

HANG GLIDING

MONTE GRAPPA, Italy: International meeting: 1, J Pendry (GB), 21,513pts; 2, B Goldsmith (GB), 21,398; 3, R Hamilton (GB), 20,472; 4, A Chauvet (Fr), 20,038; 5, R Walbec (Fr), 19,805; 6, M Ruhmer (Austria), 19,351.

TENNIS

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina: Women's tournament: First round: G Helgeson (US) bt S Martin (US), 5-7, 7-5, 7-6; M Paz (Arg) bt L Laskova (Cz), 6-4, 6-2; A Temesvari (Hun) bt S Collins (US), 6-3, 6-2; C Benjamin (US) bt C Cavarzasio (Switz), 7-5, 2-6, 7-6; H Kelesi (Can) bt S Wasserman (Bel), 7-5, 6-4. Second round: M Navratilova (US) bt A *Coetzer (SA), 6-2, 7-5; G Sabatini (Arg) bt L* Harvey-Wild (US), 6-0, 6-0; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt B Fulco (Arg), 6-2, 6-3; J Novotna (Cz) bt C Kohde-Kilsch, 6-1, 6-2; J Capriati (US) bt A Keller (US), 7-5, 6-1; H Sukova (Cz) bt Helgeson, 6-2, 6-1.

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: First round: T Witsken (US) bt J McEnroe (US), 6-3, 5-7, 7-6; G Michibata (Can) bt M Kratzmann (Aus), 1-6, 7-6, 6-2; P Kuhnen (Ger) bt J Stimpson (US), 6-4, 6-4; K Curren (US) bt A Krickstein (US), 7-6, 6-1; R Krajicek (Neth) bt N Borwick (Aus), 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; A Jarryd (Swe) bt U Riglewski (Ger), 6-2, 6-1; M Chang (US) bt K Jones (US), 6-2, 6-3; C Van Rensburg (SA) bt R Krishnan (India), 6-2, 5-7, 7-5; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt G Pozzi (It), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; E Masso (Bel) *bt M Stich (Ger), 7-6, 6-4; F Barrientos (Phi)* bt N Brown (GB), 6-1, 6-4. Second round: Kuhnen bt Jarryd, 7-6, 1-0, ret; W Masur (Aus) bt Michibata, 6-3, 6-2; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt Witsken, 6-1, 7-6; G Muller (SA) bt T Ho (US), 6-1, 1-6, 6-3.

ORLANDO, Florida: Men's tournament: First round: P Sampras (US) bt B Pearce (US), 6-2, 6-2; D Nargiso (US) bt R Matuszewski (US), 6-3, 7-6; N Pereira (Ven) bt S Davis (US), 7-5, 6-1; J Arias (US) bt D MacPherson (US), 7-6, 2-6, 6-4; J Tarango (US) bt K Flach (US), 7-6, 6-4; B Shelton (US) bt T J Middleton (US), 6-3, 6-1; D Engel (Swe) bt D Marcelino (Br), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; C Adams (US) bt G Connell (Can), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; D Pate (US) bt C Garner (US), 6-3, 7-6; B Gilbert (US) bt P Rebolledo (Chile), 2-6, 6-1, 6-1; A Agassi (US) bt B Garrow (US), 6-2, 6-4; D Pate (US) bt C *Garner* (US), 6-3, 7-6; M Washington (US) bt L Herrera (Mex), 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; D Rostagno (US) bt J Connors (US), 6-1, 6-4.

MIDLAND BANK JUNIOR COUNTY CUP: Boys: Group one (at Bournemouth): Essex 5, Lancashire 4; Hampshire and Isle of Wight 8, Dorset 1. *Essex champions; Lancs and Dorset relegated.* Girls: Group one (Bournemouth): Essex 5, Lancashire 4; Hertfordshire 8, Yorkshire 1. *Herts champions; Yorks and Lancs relegated.*

YACHTING

LARGS, Scotland: RYA UK youth championships: 420s: *Third race:* 1, *B Vines and E Low* (Tarrasale SC); 2, J Lee and S Hughes (Exe SC); 3, R Lovering and A Bateman (Warsash SC). Fourth race: 1, Vines and Low; 2, C Harrison and N Waters (Nelson Centre SC). Lasers: 1, D Dixon (Maldon YC); 2, C Mitchell (Denholme SC); 3, J Bishop (Oxford SC).

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Hoddle agrees to manager's job at Swindon

By Louise Taylor

GLENN Hoddle, whose distinguished playing career, with Tottenham Hotspur, Monaco and England, was brought to an abrupt halt by a knee injury nearly two years ago, agreed yesterday to become the manager of Swindon, with John Gorman, the Leyton Orient coach, as his assistant.

Hoddle spent yesterday negotiating personal terms at the second division club. A spokesman for Swindon said: "We are talking to an interested party, but the preliminaries are taking longer than anticipated." It is believed that talks were delayed by financial details. The Swindon players had arrived at the County Ground expecting to meet their new manager.

Until two years ago, Hoddle had insisted that management was not for him, but all that changed when his former playing colleague at Tottenham, Osvaldo Ardiles, left Swindon for Newcastle United last Saturday.

No sooner had Ardiles arrived on Tyneside than his assistant manager, Tony Galvin, recommended Hoddle to Ken Chapman, the Swindon chairman, as the ideal replacement.

Capped 53 times by England, Hoddle's career at Monaco was curtailed by a serious knee injury last December. Aged 33, he refuses to abandon hope of playing again, and is expected to register as player-manager with Swindon, who are struggling in the second division.

Hoddle, who has bought a house in Berkshire, has been training with Chelsea, and on Tuesday night he completed his first game in 20 months, for their reserves against Watford.

Hoddle's playing principles will appeal to players well schooled by Ardiles. Colin Calderwood, the Swindon captain, echoed the sentiments of his colleagues when he said: "We all hope Glenn is the new manager. With his ideas on the game he would be a natural successor to Ossie. Glenn's ideas seem to fit in with what the board is looking for."

Hoddle said: "I changed my ideas about being a manager two years ago, and now I am keen to put something back into the game. I will just have to see how things unfold at Swindon.

"It is fanstastic to be playing again, I never thought the day would come, altough I am ring rusty and need to physically impose myself on matches, I believe some of the old skill is there, and I have three years of playing left in me."

Swindon will receive £200,000, in compensation from Newcastle, for Ardiles who had two years of his contract outstanding, but they need to set money aside for ground improvements, and are anxious to reduce the wage bill.

☐ Dave Smith resigned as manager of Torquay United, of the fourth division, yesterday. Aged 58, Smith was the League's oldest manager, but after steering Torquay to a record 14-match unbeaten start to the season, they have won only three times in 21 outings, and, despite the division's best defensive record, have slipeed to twelfth.

Smith, who formerly managed Plymouth Argyle, said: "I am very sad to be leaving, but I felt there was no choice. I have never had supporters chanting for me to be sacked before, and I did not want to start at his stage of my career.

"No pressure was put on me by the chairman, Mike Bateson, who is the best chairman I have ever worked under, but I felt it was right for the club for me to go."

John Impey, Smith's assistant, will take charge of team affairs on a caretaker basis. A former club captain, Impey, aged 37, said: "If I can get the players playing as a team again we can still win promotion, and if we get to the play-offs, Dave Smith will be the first to be invited to Wembley."

Charlton rush to get home

CHARLTON Athletic yesterday began preparations to make The Valley ready for next season, which begins on August 18 (*Louise Taylor writes*).

The morning after Greenwich council's decision to grant the second division club a return to their traditional home, Roger Alwen, the chairman, said he was optimistic of receiving a safety certificate for a refurbished £5 million stadium by the summer.

The club has shared Selhurst Park, the home of Crystal Palace, since 1985 when the Valley, which is now derelict, was declared unsafe.

"I hope to have three sides of the ground, everything but the West Stand, completed in the time for the start of next season," Alwen said. "If, by any chance, no safety certificate had been obtained by that time, we will consider playing our opening games away from home."

The West Stand, which will be built from scratch, will contain 4,500 seats. It is intended that the rest of the ground will be able to accommodate a further 12,300 spectators. Charlton will need to attract gates of 10,000 to justify their gamble.

Sunderland sink to heavy defeat

By Louise Taylor

SUNDERLAND's hopes of staying in the first division were dented at Elland Road on Tuesday night, when they *were sunk 5-0 by Leeds* United. Lee Chapman scored twice against one of his former clubs, with Carl Shutt, and Gary Speed (twice) further contributing to the visitors' downfall.

Despite conceding an early goal to Andy Clarke, **Wimbledon's** *recent buy from Barnet,* **Manchester United**, with Gary Walsh in goal, refused to be diverted by their impending cup commitments against Wimbledon at Old Trafford.

Steve Bruce is now United's leading scorer in the league, a commendable return for a *central defender. He contrib*uted his twelfth goal of the season, with a second-half header, before Mark Robins, a substitute, prompted Brian McClair's 88th minute winner.

In the second division, **Ipswich Town** were held 2-2 at *home to managerless* **Portsmouth**, Dozzell and Thompson scoring for the hosts, with Kuhl twice replying for the visitors.

A division lower, **Cambridge United**, FA Cup quarter-finalists this season, are seven points worse off than the occupants of the third automatic promotion spot, **Bolton Wanderers**. But *United have five games in* hand, and did their cause a power of good by beating Bolton 2-1 at The Abbey Stadium.

Philpott and Taylor had scored for Cambridge, who moved into a play-off place, before Philliskirk offered a *belated riposte for Bolton.*

Bournemouth are level with Cambridge on 60 points, but have played four games more, nevertheless their hopes of an immediate return to the second divison were improved with a 2-1 win at home to **Grimsby Town**, the leaders, *where Jones and Cooke* claimed the decisive goals.

Southend are second after managing no more than a 1-1 draw at home to **Chester**, while **Birmingham's** revival under the management of Lou Macari continued with a 1-0 win at home to fourth placed **Tranmere Rovers**.

In the fourth division, **Blackpool**, in hot pursuit of a play-off place, scored six, and conceded none, at home to managerless **Carlisle United**, and **Torquay United** drew 1-1 at home to **Maidstone United**.

CHRIS GLEAVE

Boot boy: a happy Sharpe after his lucrative sponsorship deal

Sharpe's cake gets an icing

AT THE tender age of 19 the *career of Lee Sharpe, the* Manchester United winger, is moving along apace (Ian Ross writes). Last week Sharpe celebrated his selection by the Professional Footballers' Association as young player of the year by making his full England debut in the *European championship game* against the Republic of Ireland at Wembley.

Yesterday, he found himself being ushered towards celebrity status when he signed a sponsorship deal with Asics Boots which is conservatively valued at £100,000 over three *and a half years, which is a* record for a teenage footballer.

Sharpe, who joined United from Torquay United for £185,000 in June 1988, said: "It is rather difficult to believe that so much has happened to me so quickly. I have come a long way in a very short period *of time but I would like to* think that I am equipped to handle the pressures."

Sharpe was swift to pay tribute to Alex Ferguson, the United manager, whom he regards as both employer and guardian.

"I suppose that you could say Alex acts as a sort of father figure," he said. "It is important for me to have protection and someone like Alex is the perfect man to provide it."

☐ A RECORD television audience of 26.7 billion watched the 1990 World Cup in Italy, twice as many as in *Mexico four years earlier, Fifa* figures show (AFP reports). An average of 513.3 million watched each game, the world footballing body found in a survey published in the latest edition of *Fifa News*.

The final between West Germany and Argentina at*tracted the biggest audience of* 1.06 billion people in 167 countries. Much of the increase was due to the greater number of television sets in Asia and Africa compared with in 1986 — 12 billion Asian viewers were counted and 2.5 billion Africans.

☐ *Luis Cubilla, one of Uru*guay's outstanding players in the 1960s and 1970s, has been made national manager.

However, the Uruguayan FA agreed to let him stay with his club side, Olimpia, while they are still in the Copa Libertadores. His brother Pedro, who also played for the national side, and Juan Mujica will coach Uruguay at the South American championships in Chile in June.

☐ Yeovil Town, nineteenth in the GM Conference, have sacked manager Clive White*head. The former Bristol City*, Portsmouth and West Bromwich player had been in the job for only six months following the controversial dismissal of Brian Hall, now back at Wealdstone.

Whitehead, who had two more years of his contract to *run, has seen Yeovil slip from* seventh when he took over to their present perilous position. Steve Rutter has been named caretaker-manager for the remainder of the season.

☐ Simon Garner, Blackburn's record goalscorer, will miss the rest of their Second Di*vision survival battle. He goes* into hospital on April 17 for a cartilage operation.

Groin surgery last summer kept him out of the opening 13 games and on his return he struggled to find his scoring touch.

The struggle may be over for Maradon

DIEGO Maradona has beaten *the Italian football authorities* by announcing his retirement from the game. Just as the Italian Football Federation was suspending Argentina's World Cup captain "from every sporting activity" following the dope test that revealed traces of cocaine, Maradona, aged *30*, was informing an Italian newspaper that the ban would be irrelevant.

"I have had enough. I am tired of struggling. I am retiring (from football) for good," he told Milan's *Corriere della Sera*. "Now I want to enjoy *life. I want to enjoy my* daughters." Indeed, within a short time of his arrival back in Buenos Aires, a long-range television camera had observed him celebrating his daughter, Dalma's fourth birthday in typical fashion. He was seen booting a tennis ball football-style against a wall and bouncing it off his head.

He faced the suspension for using cocaine before an Italian league match last month. Maradona — who also captained Napoli with whom he is contracted until 1993 — left Italy on Tuesday as the Italian League disciplinary commission prepared to rule on his doping case — the result of which will be known on Saturday, when his exact sentence is determined.

He had tested positive for cocaine use after a league game against Bari on March 17 and faces a suspension of between six months and two years, which Fifa, the international governing body, would sanction worldwide.

. "We don't think we have to go into action on a big scale because of this case," Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of Fifa, said in Zurich. "The reasons behind it probably have little to do with sports. It is a somewhat tragic case for him personally — and as a role model in soccer. But

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ARA finds nic for East Germ

By Mike Rosewell, rowing corresponde

THE Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) has finally agreed a formula by which the former leading East German coach, Jurgen Gröbler, can be used to further the cause of British international rowing.

Gröbler was employed as director of rowing at Leander in January, where a large number of British heavyweight oarsmen are already under his control, including Steve Redgrave, Simon Berrisford and the 1990 British coxed four.

The ARA has been trying to appoint a new coach for the heavyweight men since David Tanner resigned in December, but none of the candidates was suitable. John Pilgrim-Morris was chosen as the new heavyweight men's co-ordinator, with Gröbler supporting him as "a specialist consultant on technical matters".

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McColgan turns down chance to book place

AS LIZ McColgan yesterday spurned an opportunity to secure early selection for the world athletics championships in Tokyo, Steve Jones, Britain's leading marathon man, seemed likely to miss the event because of injury.

McColgan turned down the chance to run for Britain in the European Cup at the end of June. The selectors offered the Scottish runner a 10,000 metres place in the team for Tokyo if she agreed to run the same event in the European Cup in Frankfurt.

But McColgan, aged 26, rejected the offer, saying the European Cup does not fit in with her plans. Instead, she will bank on her standing as Britain's top long-distance woman to guarantee her ticket to Japan.

Tony Ward, a British Board spokesman, said: "Liz says she plans to be running 1,500 and 3,000 metres races around the time of the European Cup to work on her speed though she intends to run the 10,000 in Tokyo."

McColgan, who less than a fortnight ago returned to competition four months after the birth of her first child to win a world cross country bronze medal, should still have no problem winning a place in Tokyo.

She already possesses the necessary qualifying standard, having achieved it when winning the Commonwealth crown in Auckland in January 1990.

Jones has been forced to withdraw from the Boston Marathon later this month through injury. The 35-year-old former world record holder has a sciatica problem he picked up during a race in Lisbon last month. It leaves the Welshman with no chance of impressing the selectors before they meet to choose the three marathon men for Tokyo after the ADT London event on April 21.

Jones, who finished fourth in last year's Commonwealth Games, has not made any impact on the marathon scene since Auckland and has shown only lukewarm interest in running for Britain in Japan.

Instead of seeking the world title, he is now more likely to run an invitation event in Berlin *this autumn. Jones,* who has been living in America for the past year, explains in this week's edition of *Athletics Today* magazine: "Missing Boston is such a disappointment. Until Christmas, I was as fast as I have been for three or four years and I really thought I could win in Boston."

Beware the watching world

Simon Barnes

IT IS hard to become a Gazza in the restrictive framework of the Boat Race, but Rupert Obholzer managed it with insolent ease. Were he a footballer, his school-dinner gesture and his derisive comments about his defeated opponents would qualify him for a disrepute charge.

But instead, Steve Royle, Oxford University's director of rowing, has leapt to the defence of his main man. Calling his conduct "inexcusable", he immediately excused it.

Let us recap on this. "It was delivered out of frustration after a heroic performance which necessitated a monumental release of energy," Royle said. "At such a time, an athlete's mind does not fully focus on the interpretations of such actions by a number of egotistical journalists who have no contact whatsoever with the athletes, or, indeed, with the sport throughout the year, and who are waiting for such incidents to provide controversial headlines."

I am not about to defend or attack the press here: I want to nail what I believe is a serious and widespread misconception that sporting people have about sport. *Let us take Royle's remarks in* two parts.

Part one is the idea that Obholzer made his gesture because of the emotional excitement of victory. Well, every athlete whoever won anything has felt the same thing. People greet victory in different ways: Roger Milla boogied, Tessa Sanderson wept, the winner of the London Marathon threw up. It all depends on what kind of a person you are. Hence the old axiom: sport doesn't create character, it reveals it.

And that axiom is at the heart of sport's universal appeal. Some events are traditional emotional stirrers; events that are far bigger than the sport that is played on these enormous occasions: Wimbledon, the Grand National, the Boat Race.

All these events attract huge crowds. They get massive television coverage, huge sponsorship and a vast press corps. The events attract people who are not over-interested in top-spin lobs, form-reading and strike-rating. They are attracted by the grandness of the occasion, by the enormousness of the passion.

Which brings us to part two: some journalists cover the Boat Race but never any other rowing. By one of those remarkable coincidences, most of the audience, both towpath and television, watch the Boat Race but never any other rowing. That is why Beefeater sponsor the Boat Race and not the national championships, or the Head of the River race.

If you want to be judged solely in terms of your sport, and by your sporting peers, there are plenty of important and worthy occasions in all sports. If you are attracted by the biggest events your sport can offer, then you must understand that the terms of reference change with your audience.

The Boat Race takes place *in a glare of publicity*; but public interest is never something you can have on your own terms. Ask Botham, or Maradona. A small event with a small, committed following is one thing. Once you start getting big, you lose control.

All this attention increases the emotions involved. Some athletes *rise* to great occasions; others fall. John McEnroe was able to do both *at the same time. The emo*tions of the biggest of the big occasions raised his play to stupendous heights of brilliance. But occasionally the "monumental release of energy" of such occasions would be too much for his extraordinary temperament.

Royle blamed "the media" for the Obholzer fracas. Perhaps he would like me to have a word with Beefeater on cutting down the event's publicity next year. Because you can't have it both ways. The Boat Race is a great event. It attracts great public attention and, therefore, great media coverage.

The greater the event, the more character is brought into focus. You might react nicely: the world (and its press) delighted in the image of Donald Macdonald standing gloriously aloft in the *winning Oxford boat in* 1987. You might reveal a nasty part of your character. The world is watching, either way.

I am tempted to conclude with one more axiom — but I expect Royle and Obholzer have heard the one about heat and kitchens.

Poor Moorhouse st proves decisive

By Craig Lord

ADRIAN Moorhouse, the *Olympic swimming* champion, failed to recover from a poor start in the 100 metres breaststroke at the fourth Edinburgh international meeting yesterday, allowing Ron Dekker, of the Netherlands, to steal his thunder.

Dekker and Moorhouse are two of only three men in the world to have broken the one-minute barrier at the distance in a short-course pool, the world record being held by Dimitri Volkov, of the Soviet Union, in 59.30.

Yesterday, Dekker, who held a two-metre lead over the Briton at the half-way mark, tired with 10 metres to go. His time of 1min 00.12sec was none the less the sixth fastest in history.

Moorhouse, who clocked 1min 00.37secs at Sheffield five days ago, responded to the Dutchman on the third of four lengths and looked liked the man who dominated world breaststroke swimming for four years until January's world championships, when he was second to Norbert Rozsa, of Hungary.

"I had a bad third turn and that killed me," said Moorhouse. "I'm still pretty pleased with that,
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